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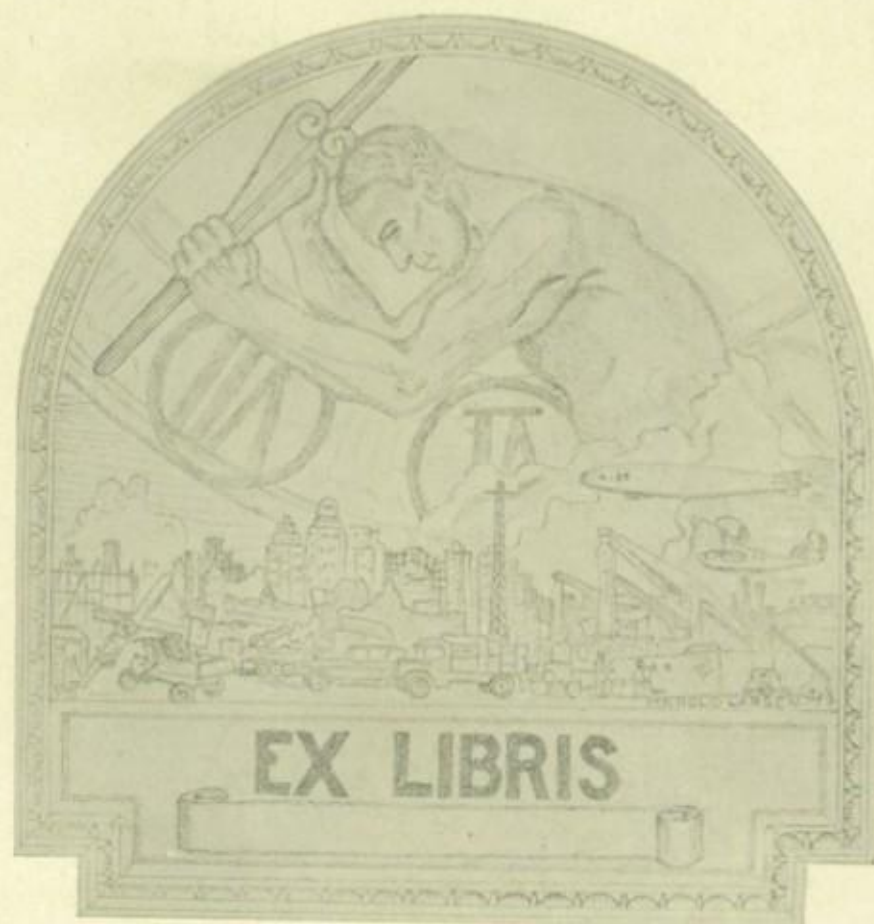
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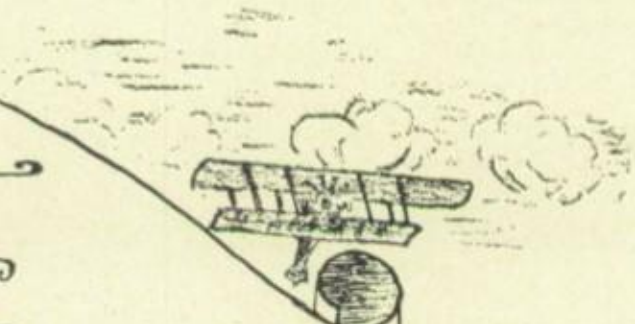












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Depicting Progress

An Annual of Publications

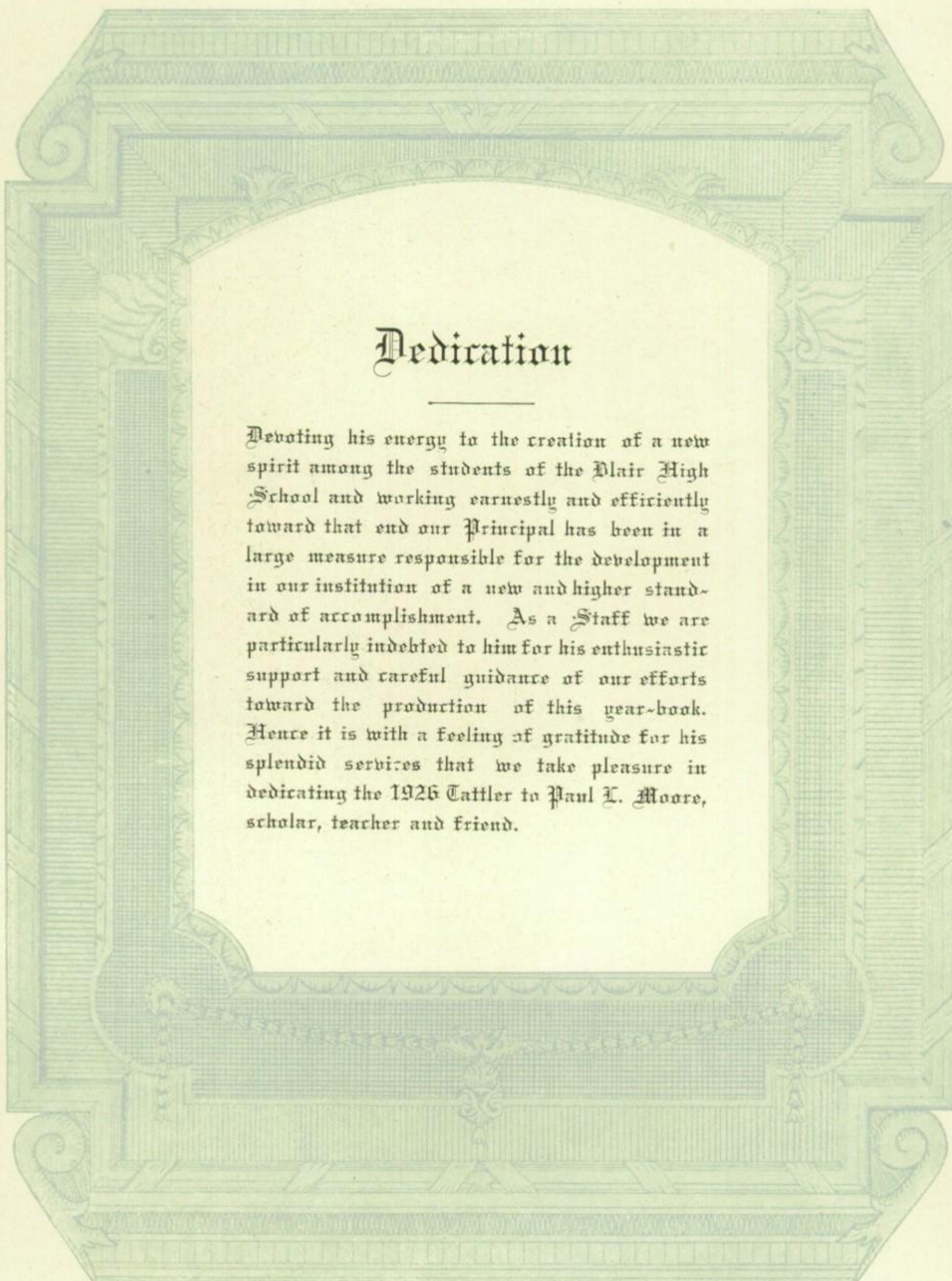
The Student Body
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Blair Nebraska



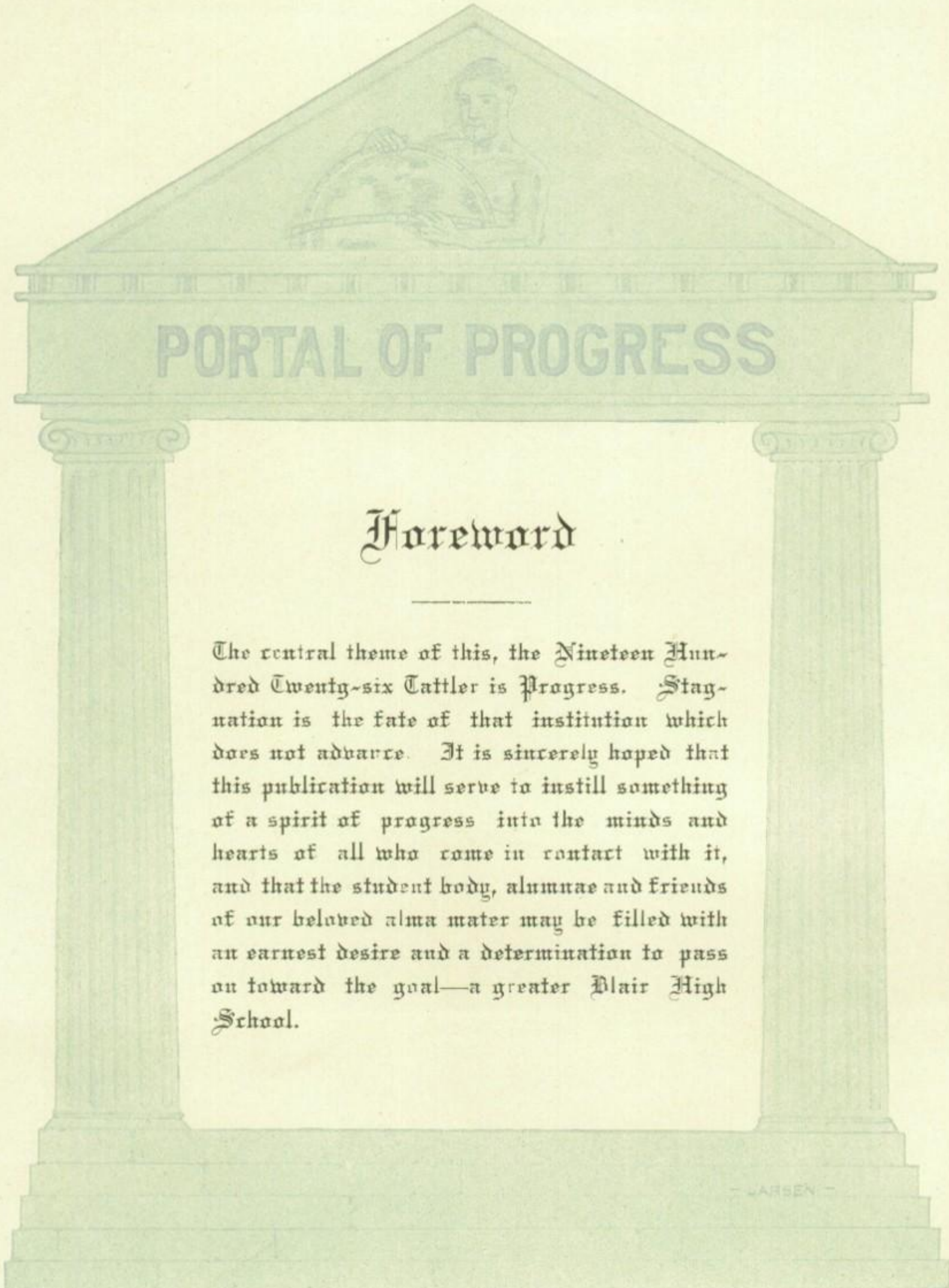
Irene Haack



Dedication

Devoting his energy to the creation of a new spirit among the students of the Blair High School and working earnestly and efficiently toward that end our Principal has been in a large measure responsible for the development in our institution of a new and higher standard of accomplishment. As a Staff we are particularly indebted to him for his enthusiastic support and careful guidance of our efforts toward the production of this year-book. Hence it is with a feeling of gratitude for his splendid services that we take pleasure in dedicating the 1926 Tattler to Paul L. Moore, scholar, teacher and friend.



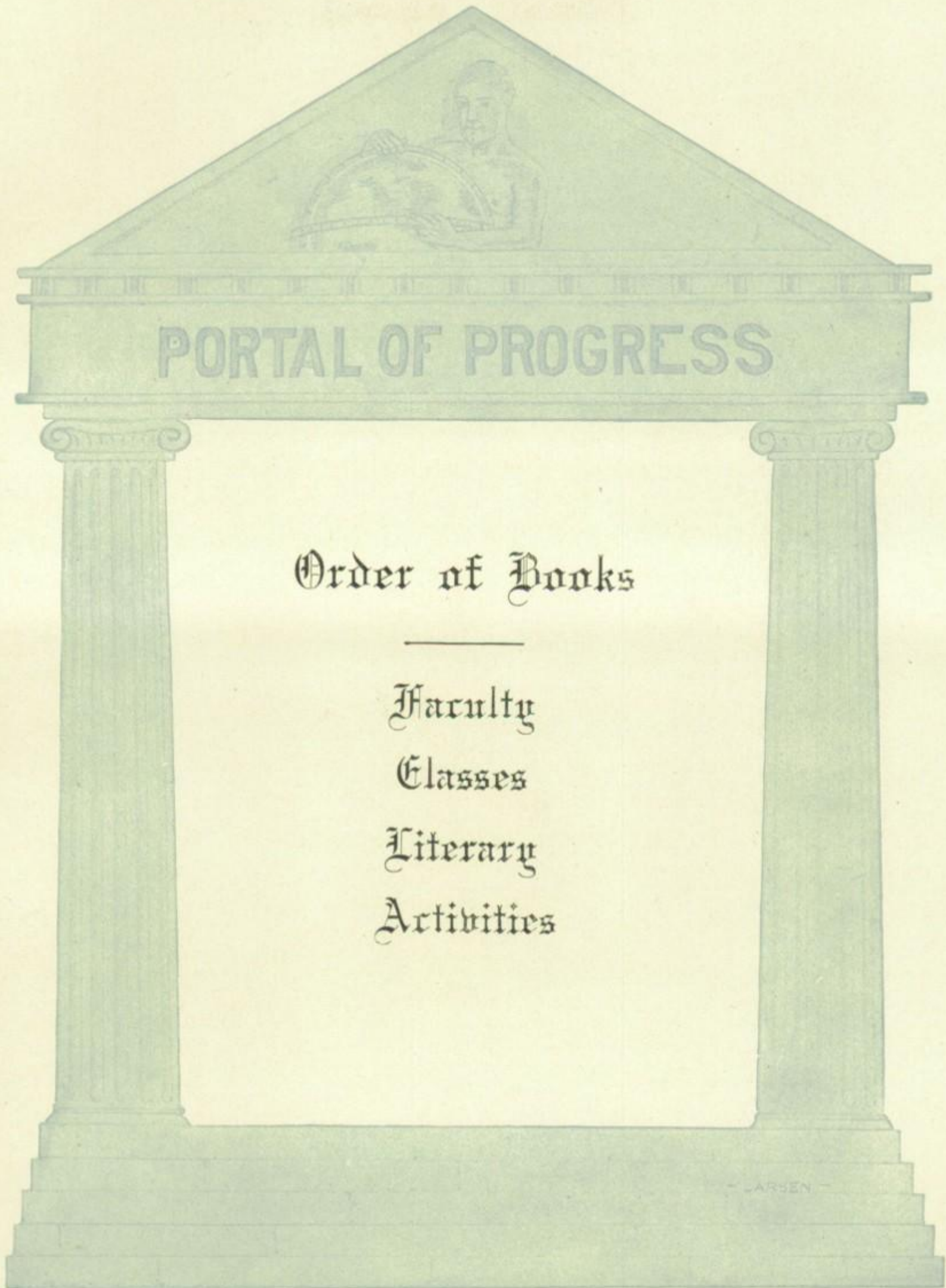


PORTAL OF PROGRESS

Foreward

The central theme of this, the Nineteen Hundred Twenty-six Cattle is Progress. Stagnation is the fate of that institution which does not advance. It is sincerely hoped that this publication will serve to instill something of a spirit of progress into the minds and hearts of all who come in contact with it, and that the student body, alumnae and friends of our beloved alma mater may be filled with an earnest desire and a determination to pass on toward the goal—a greater Blair High School.

— JARSEN —



PORTAL OF PROGRESS

Order of Books

Faculty

Classes

Literary

Activities

J. ARSEN



*Sing a song of Springtime!
Catkins by the brook,
Adder's tongues uncounted,
Ferns in every nook;
The cataract on the hillside
Leaping like a fawn;
Sing a song of Springtime—
Ah, but Springtime's gone.*

*Sing a song of Winter!
North wind's bitter chill
Home and ruddy firelight,
Kindness and good will,
Hemlock in the churches,
Day time soon withdrawn;
Sing a song of winter—
For 'twill soon be gone.*

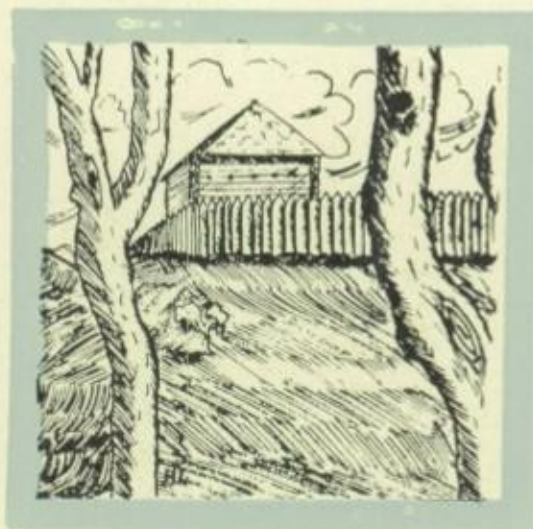
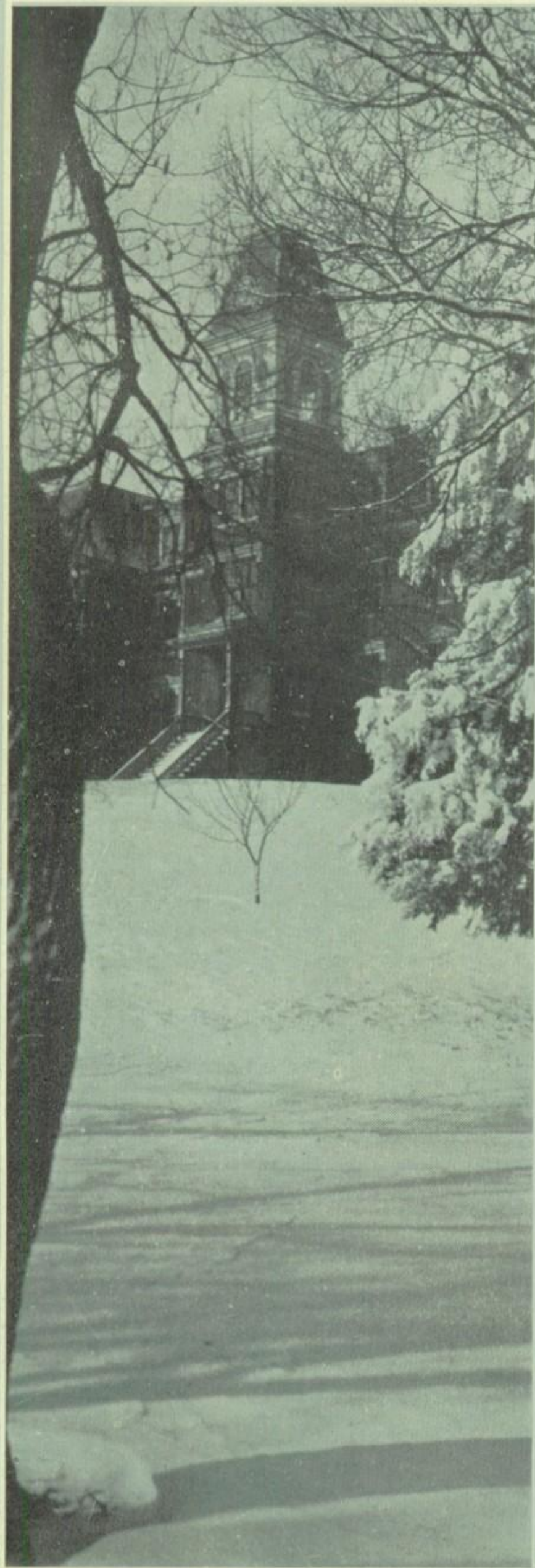
—McDonald



*Jingle, jingle, clear the way,
 'Tis the merry, merry sleigh!
 As it swiftly scuds along,
 Hear the burst of happy song;
 See the gleam of glances bright,
 Flashing o'er the pathway white!
 Jingle, jingle, past it flies,
 Sending shafts from hooded eyes
 Roguish archers I'll be bound,
 Little heeding whom they wound.
 Jingle, jingle down the hills,
 O'er the meadows and the mills,
 Now 'tis slow and now 'tis fast,
 Winter will not always last.
 Jingle, jingle, clear the way!
 'Tis the merry, merry sleigh.*

—Pettee





*Commencement day in a student's
life*

*Should not mean less
Than consecration of the mind
and soul*

To Progress and Success.

*Do not be satisfied with High School
honors won,*

*Onward and upward strive with all
your might.*

*Be not content with deeds you have
done,*

*Let not self satisfaction keep you
from the light.*

*So when by chance good fortune
blesses you,*

And college doors are open wide,

Travel on to greater honor,

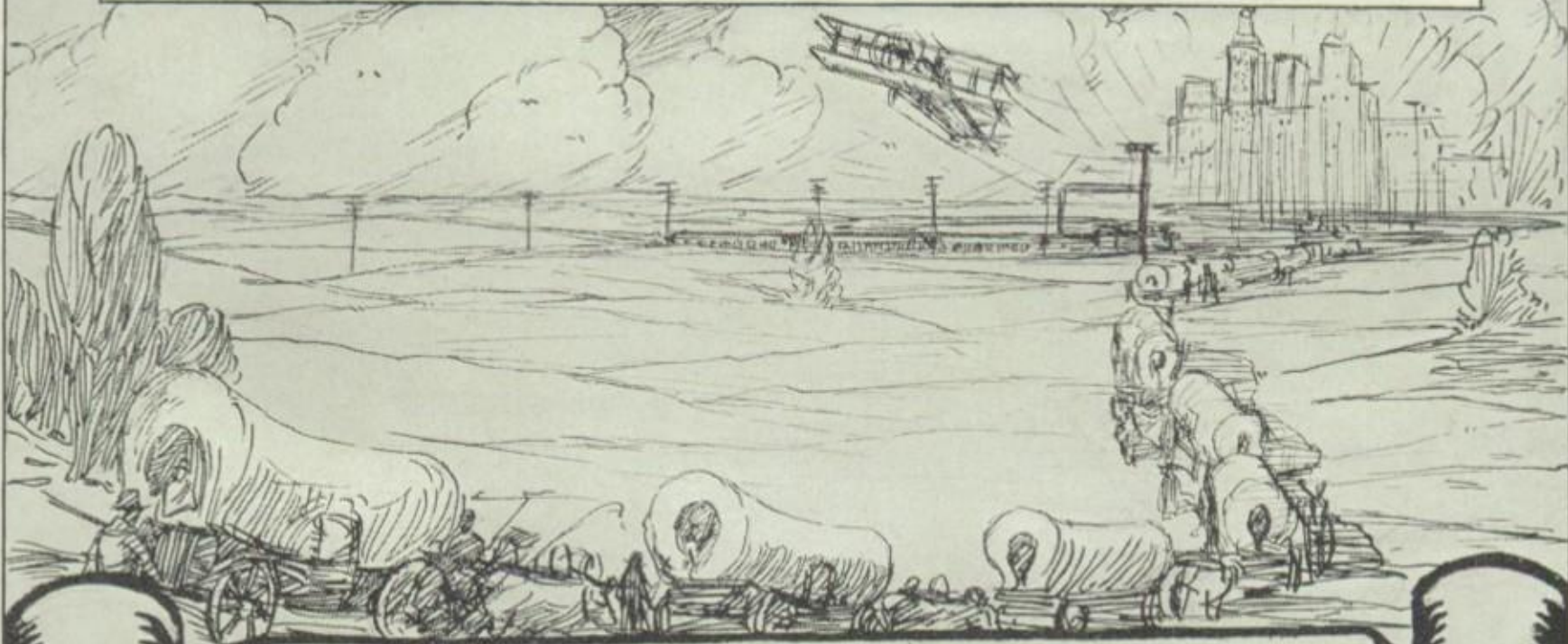
Then be proud to say "I've tried."





*Man cherishes his dreams within his heart
 To them he goes for solace as to God
 But from his realism they live apart,
 Because of lack of courage and self confidence,
 Because of fear of sacrifice and toil,
 Man waits the way and will of Providence—
 Gives up his life to labor and turmoil.
 Be not afraid to build your castles in the air
 But build at once your life and deeds to reach them.
 One thing accomplished will another dare,
 One virtue gained is in itself a stair.
 So when we dream of a new Blair High
 Let not mere longing be our goal
 'Tis in attempt the paths of glory lie
 'Tis trying that brings victory to one's soul.*





FACULTY



D. V. MASSER, A. B.

University of Iowa, 1914

Graduate Study—Iowa State College, 1915

Superintendent of City Schools



PAUL L. MOORE, A. B., A. M.

Southwestern College, 1922

Graduate Study—University of Chicago, 1925

Principal of the High School

ESTHER McCURDY, A. B.
University of Nebraska, 1922
Graduate Study—University of Chicago, 1924
History



ELSIE SHRIVER, A. B.
Coe College, 1921
Graduate Study—Colorado Agricultural College,
1925
Home Economics

ISABEL McMONIES, A. B.
University of Nebraska, 1922
English





MRS. D. V. MASSER, B. S.
Iowa State College, 1915
Science



VIVIAN HANSON, B. S.
University of Nebraska, 1923
Mathematics



NONA MOSS, A. B.
Morningside College, 1922
Commercial



PERNA HUTCHINSON, A. B.
University of Nebraska, 1922
Latin and English



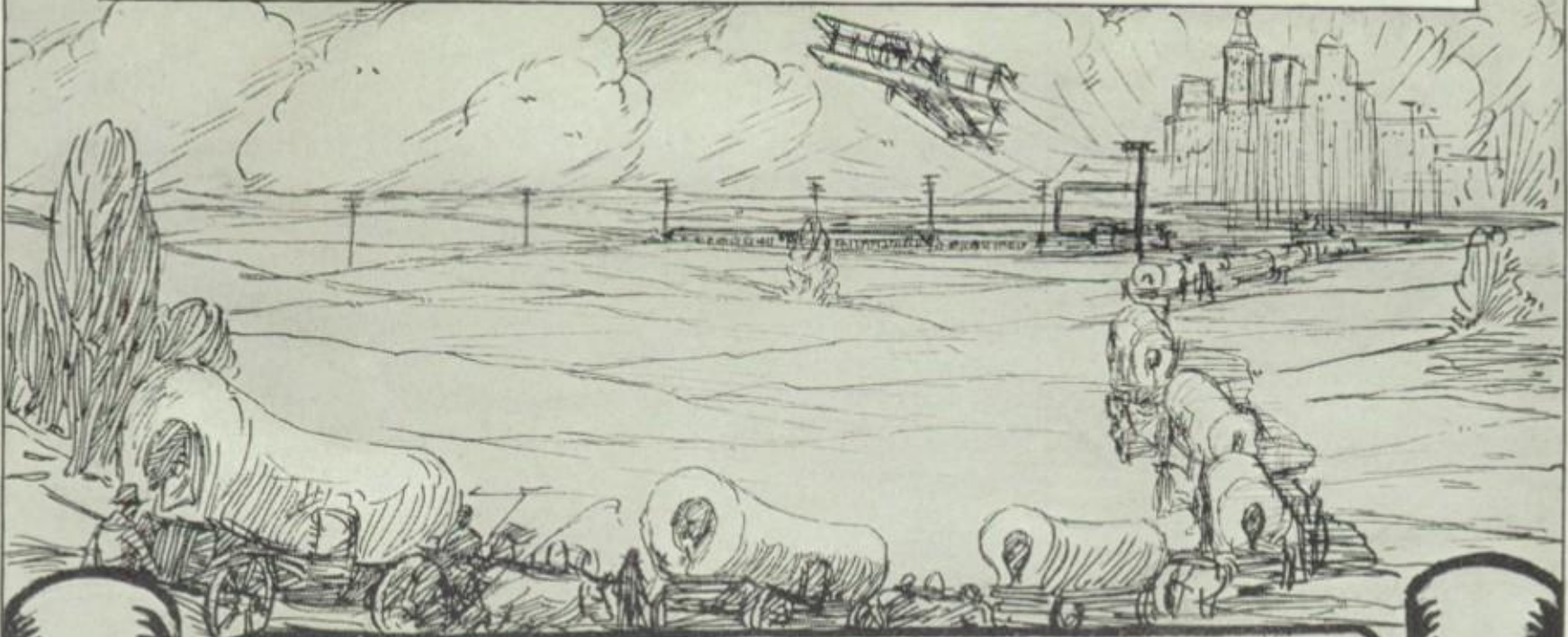
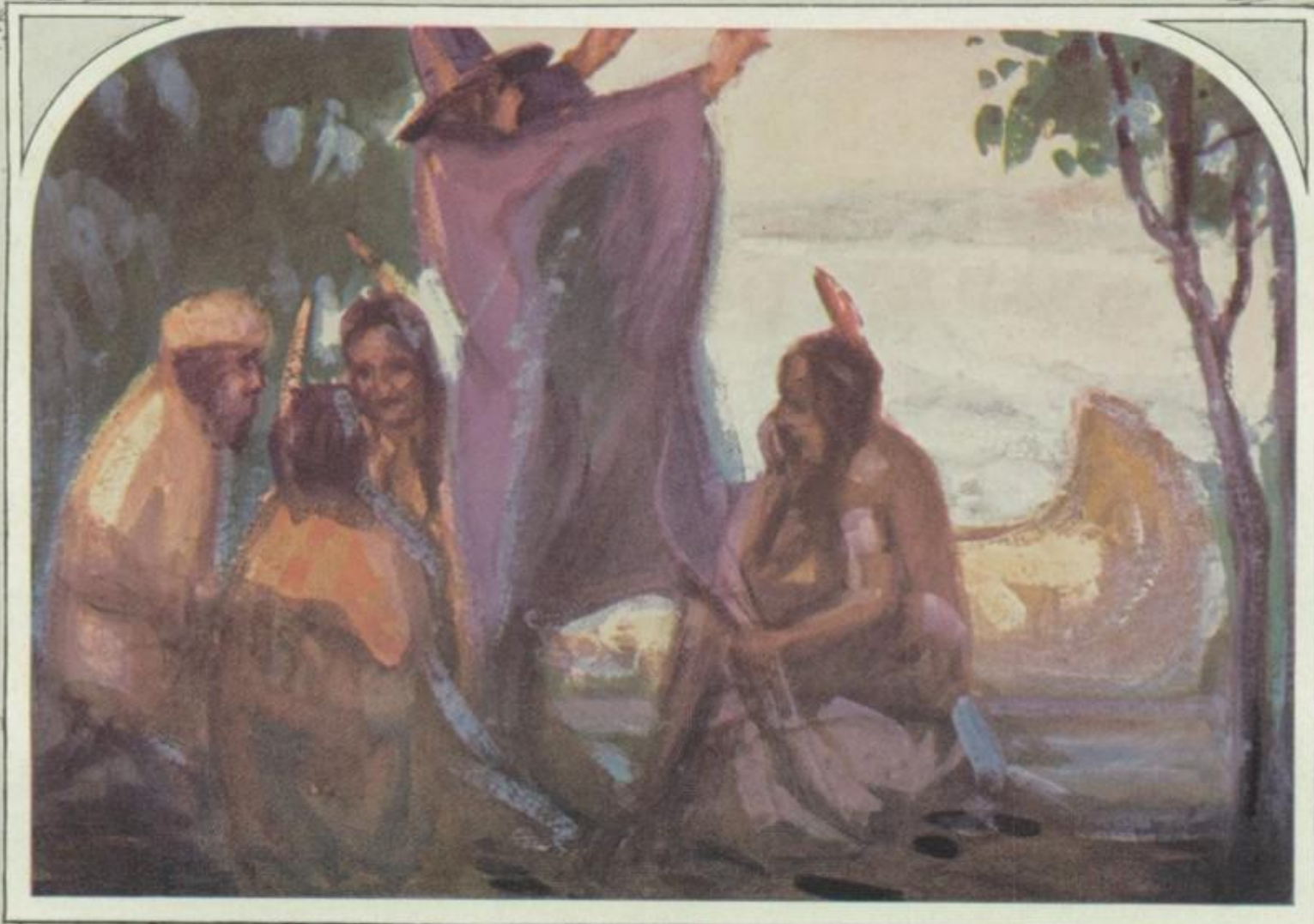
MARGARET KELLY
Wayne State Teacher's College, 1918
Normal Training



MRS. G. S. BROWN
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Music

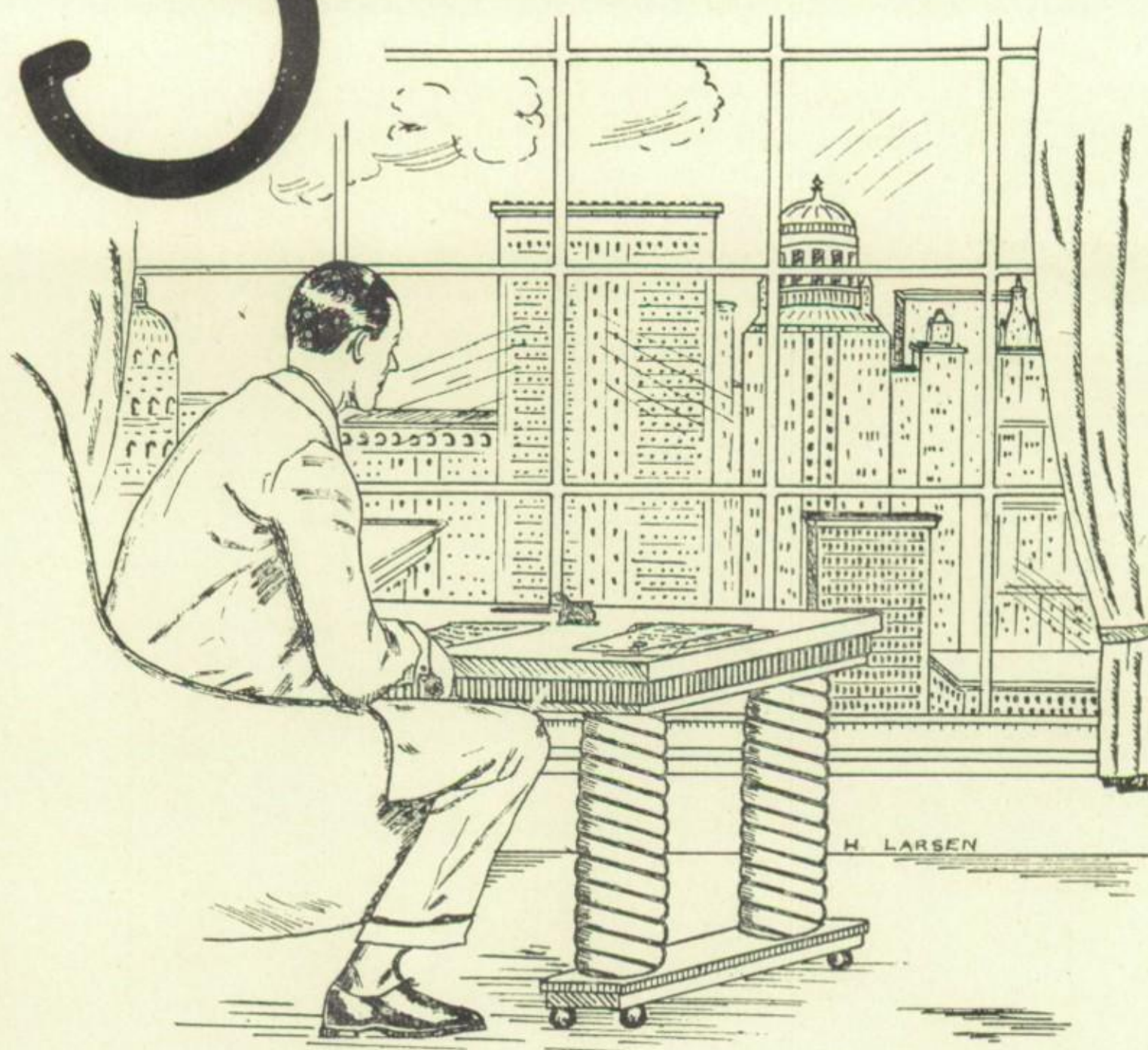
My Dream

Last night when I was snug in bed
Just think what fun for me.
I dreamed I was the faculty,
And the faculty was me.
I dreamed that I was Mr. Moore
A staging vaudeville acts,
To help to make my points more clear
In driving home the facts.
I dreamed I was Miss Hanson
With many a winning smile,
Who lures her victims on their way
And flunks them after a while.
I dreamed I was Miss Hutchison
As lively as can be,
And why she teaches a language dead
Is a mystery to me
Then I was Miss Nona Moss
A typing teacher she,
With a kindly look for everyone
And never speaking cross.
I thought I was Miss Shriver next
Jolly, as we know
Who teaches the girls of our Blair High
Just how to cook and sew.
Then I was Mrs. Gilbert Brown
Whose greatest occupation
Is training her musicians fine
For contest work in Lincoln.
I dreamed I was Mr. Masser
Our superintendent wise
Who coaches our debaters
And helps them win the prize.
As Miss McMonies I was sponsor of the Junior Class,
She has a smile and pleasant word
For every lad and lass
Then I was Margaret Kelly
Who we all think is great
For she turns out many a person
To teach throughout our state.
I dreamed I was Miss McCurdy
And taught a subject which we hate.
Study, study as we may
We can never remember a date.
I was Mrs. Masser next
And oh! what fun it was
To supervise laboratory tests
And make machinery buzz.
I dreamed I was most everyone
With every kind of prudence
And then woke up to thank my stars
I was only one of the students.



CLASSES

Seniors



MILDRED ANDERSON,
Commercial Club, (3), (4).
"Merry and gay,
The live long day."

ARVID BARTLETT, "Skeeter"
Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Commercial Club, (3), (4);
Football, (3), (4); Track,
(3), (4).
"Skeeter is his own worst
enemy."

PEARL BEHRENDT,
Girl's Glee Club (4); Com-
mercial Club, (4).
"Possessed of efficiency and
personal charm."

BYRD BLUMQUIST,
Girl's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Commercial Club, (3), (4).
"Unselfish faithful, and in-
dustrious."

LUCILLE BRUNTON,
Girl's Glee Club, (2), (3);
Commercial Club, (3), (4).
"Her hesitant speech pro-
claims modesty."



LELAH BURGER,
Girl's Glee Club, (2), (3);
Normal Training Club, (3),
(4).
"Sweet, shy, silent."



HAROLD CARLSON, "Swede"
Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Mixed Chorus, (3), (4); Male
Quartette, (3), (4); Orches-
tra, (1), (2), (3), (4); Track,
Class Play, (3); Commercial
(3), (4); Football, (3), (4);
Club, (3), (4).
"Swede is our star, at least
he's often out nights."



KARL CHRISTENSEN,
Commercial Club, (3), (4).
"His idea of a perfect day is
no work and all play."



JENNIE GUTSCHOW,
Girl's Glee Club, (4); Vice-
president of Normal Train-
ing Club, (3); Commercial
Club, (3).
"Always gentle and quiet;
with friends sincere."



IRENE HAACK,
Girl's Glee Club, (4); Mixed
Chorus, (4); Operetta, (4);
Orchestra, (1), (3); Class
President, (2); Commercial
Club, (3); Normal Training
Club, Secretary and Treasur-
er, (4).
"Some think the world is
made for fun and frolic—and
so do I."

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DOROTHY HANNA "Dot"

Girl's Glee Club (4); Normal Training Club (4); Declamatory, (3), (4).

"Chewing gum makes me feel all 'Wrigley'."

WILMA HANSEN,

Girl's Glee Club, (4); Domestic Science Club, (3); Science Club, (4).

"I take things as they come."

WINSTON HANSEN, "Winnie"

Boy's Glee Club, (4); Science Club, (4); Declamatory, (3), (4); Debating, (4); Honor Society, (4); Athletic Association, (1); Track, (3), (4); Thirteen Club, President (4); Tattler Staff, Editor-in-Chief, (4).

"Ingenious and brilliant; Blair High's own true booster."

EARL HILLMAN, "Swede"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4); Football, (2), (3), (4); Football Captain, (3), (4); Commercial Club, (3), (4); President, (4); Class President, (3).

"Let Swede do it; it will be well done."

PEARL HUNDAHL,

Commercial Club, (3), (4); Honor Society, (4).

"Good scholarship is worthy of achievement."



MARION JACOBS,

Girl's Glee Club, (3), (4); Commercial Club, (3), (4); Declamatory, (3).

"Her cheeriness and frank unaffectedness have won her friends."



EDYTHE JENSEN, "Deedee"

Girl's Glee Club, (1), (3), (4); Honor Society, Vice-President, (4); Normal Training Club, (4); Debating, (3), (4); Thirteen Club, (3), (4); Class Play, (3); Tattler Staff, Business Manager, (4).

"The symbol of all virtues; vices weighed and found lacking."



MARSHALL JENSEN, "Marsh"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4); Honor Society, (4); Debating, (4); Science Club, President, (4).

"A student with energy and grit. Whate'er he starts he'll never quit."



DORIS JOHNS,

Girl's Glee Club, (4); Commercial Club, (4).

"Not very tall, in fact quite small; nevertheless, she is liked by all."

ARTHUR JOHNSON, "Art"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4); Thirteen Club, (3), (4); Thirteen Club Play, (4); Commercial Club, Vice-President (4); Track, (4); Athletic Association, (1).

"You may punish me, teacher, but don't muss my hair."

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ESTHER KUBIE,

Girl's Glee Club, (4); De-
clamatory, (4); Normal
Training Club, President (4);
Honor Society, (4).

"Gentle in character; staunch
in purpose."

FRANCES KOOPMAN, "Fan-
nie"

Thirteen Club, Vice-Presi-
dent, (4); Debating, (4); De-
clamatory, (3) (4); Honor
Society, (4); Commercial
Club (4); Class President,
(1); Girl's Glee Club, (1);
Normal Training Club, (4);
Class Play, (3), (4).

"A jolly good scout and an
unfailing friend."

EVERETT LAMB,

Boy's Glee Club, (4); Track,
(3), (4); Football, (3); Class
Treasurer, (4).

"Independent, industrious,
intelligent."

TOM WILKINSON,

Commercial Club, (4).

"The most manifest sign of
wisdom is continued cheer-
fulness".

HEROLD LARSEN, "Swede"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Quartette, (2), (3); Debating,
(3), (4); Track, (3), (4);
Football, (3), (4); Class
President, (4); Class Play,
(3); Tattler Staff, Art Ed-
itor, (2), (4), Assistant Ed-
itor, (3), Declamatory, (4).

"Tell me, what would Blair
High be, without our Swede."



FERN McCLINTOCK,

Norfolk High School, (1);
Girl's Glee Club, (2), (3),
(4); Mixed Chorus, (4); De-
clamatory, (3), (4); Debating,
(4); Normal Training
Club, (4); Honor Society, (4);
Class Secretary and Treas-
urer, (2), (4); Commercial
Club, Vice-president, (3).

"There is something very
winning in her haughty
manner."

MILDRED McCORMICK,

Commercial Club, (3), (4);
Girl's Glee Club, (4).

"Her sweet smile and sunny
disposition are surely capti-
vating."

EVELYN McCOY,

Science Club, (4).

"Diligence is personified in
Evelyn."

ERNA METZINGER, "Buddie"

Declamatory, (3), (4); Thir-
teenth Club, (3), (4); Class
Play, (3), (4); Class Vice-
president, (2); Thirteen
Club Play, (4); Class Secre-
tary, (3); Normal Training
Club, (4); Honor Society,
President, (4).

"Pretty, peppy, popular."

MILDRED MOATS, "Milly"

Girl's Glee Club, (2), (3),
(4); Orchestra, (3), (4);
Mixed Chorus, (3); Declama-
tory, (3), (4); Athletic Asso-
ciation, (1); Science Club,
(4).

"Jolly and friendly always."



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GLEN MORGAN,
Boy's Glee Club, (4); Science
Club, (4).

"His blush is beautiful, but
sometimes—Inconvenient."

LUCILLE NEMETZ,
Girl's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Mixed Chorus, (3); Athletic
Association, (1); Commercial
Club, (4).

"Her giggle is entrancingly
merry."

LEITHA PACE, "Pace"
Girl's Glee Club, (1), (2),
(3), (4); Mixed Chorus, (3),
(4); Mixed Quartette, (3);
Operetta, (1); Commercial
Club, (3), (4); Athletic As-
sociation, (1).

"Her heart has been
captured by an alumnus."

JENS PETERSEN,
Science Club, (4).

"Wise to resolve; patient to
perform."

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WILFORD PORTER, "Abie"
Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Male Quartette, (4); Track,
(3), (4); Commercial Club,
(3), (4); Class Vice-presi-
dent (4); Tattler Staff, (4);
Class Play, (3); Football,
(3), (4).

"Abie furnishes a never end-
ing supply of wit and hu-
mor."



ELMER RASMUSSEN, "Rass"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Football, (3), (4); Commer-
cial Club, (3), (4); Athletic
Association, (1); Property
Manager, Class Play, (3);
Property Manager, Thirteen
Club Play, (4).

"He is as we would have
him, helpful at all times."

WILLIAM RODGERS, "Bill"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Male Quartette, (3), (4);
Mixed Chorus, (3), (4);
Commercial Club, (3), (4);
Athletic Association, (1);
Declamatory, (1); Track,
(4); Class Play, (3); Foot-
ball, (3), (4).

"His classes are full of fun;
amusement is furnished to
every-one"

HELEN SIERT,

Commercial Club, (3), (4);
Honor Society, (4).

"Always gentle and lovable;
greeting the world with a
smile."

LILLIAN STEVENS,

Commercial Club, (3);
Normal Training Club, (4).

"Modesty and faithful ser-
vice are bound to win recog-
nition."

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LESLIE B. THOMPSON, "Le"

Boy's Glee Club, (4); Or-
chestra, (3), (4); Football,
(4); Track, (4); Commercial
Club, (3); Science Club, (4).

"Cheerfulness is the only
truly wholesome atmos-
phere."



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LA FERN TOFT, "Dizz"

Girl's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Commercial Club, (3), (4);
Honor Society, (4); Mixed
Chorus, (3); Operetta, (4).

"One of the fast type—on a
typewriter."

STEEN VIG, "Stone"

Boy's Glee Club, (3), (4);
Cheer Leader, (4); Debating,
(4); Thirteen Club, (3), (4);
Thirteen Club Play, (4);
Secretary Honor Society,
(4); Vice President Senior
Class, (4); Vice President
Science Club, (4); Tattler
Staff, (4).

"It is great happiness to
form a sincere friendship—
with a person of the gentler
species."



GERTRUDE WARRICK.

Girl's Glee Club, (3); Nor-
mal Training Club, (4).

"What do we live for if it is
not to make life less diffi-
cult for each other?"



IRENE WARRICK, "Shorty"

Girl's Glee Club, (1), (2),
(3); Orchestra, (1), (2), (3),
(4); Mixed Chorus, (3); Com-
mercial Club, (4).

"The size of her person is no
measure of the size of her in-
tellect."



BLANDENA WARRICK, "Ben"

Girl's Glee Club, (2), (3),
(4); Commercial Club, (3),
(4); Mixed Chorus, (3), (4).

"If she were a vamp, she
would be dangerous,—she is
at present merely alluring."

DOROTHY POWELL, "Dot"

Class Treasurer, (3); Science
Club, (4); Commercial Club,
(3); Athletic Association,
(1); Honor Society, (4);
Dallas High School (2); Hol-
lywood, Florida, High
School, (4).

"Peppy, vivacious, intelli-
gent."



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The Price of Progress

Awake, the tide is now high;
The crew must make the wet spray fly;
The boats must skip quickly over the waves,
The ebb-tide means the shoals as our graves.

The shoals are shiftlessness, vain contempt, yea,
Frivolity, carelessness, overmuch play.
These are treacherous reefs; beware of their crags
To idlers they are perpetual snags.

The tide is instruction possessed by all
Who enter the race at life's siren call;
The waves are high spirits which if guided aright
Gives zest to life's tasks, afford added might.

To each who commences his harsh battle here
Is devoted the message of life's aged seer;
Think well, then act well, whate'er you do
In life's tempest, mind and soul comprise the brave crew.

Senior Class Will

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six, an intelligent group, of sound mind and unlawful age, realizing the uncertainty of life and the probability of expulsion do make, ordain, publish and declare this our last will and testament:

First, To the Juniors we leave our sponsor, Mr. Moore, that they may be guided safely through their last year in Blair High School.

To them also we leave 46 desks of New Oxford design and of ancient vintage.

I, Karl Christensen, do will and bequeath my ability to aggravate teachers to Ervin Tilden, that he may never lack excitement.

I, Dorothy Powell, do will and bequeath my Southern accent and phrases to Mary Weber, that she may be different from her classmates.

I, Elmer Rasmussen, do will and bequeath my "Hunter's Disease" to Eric Christensen, that he may never hunger for ducks.

I, Dorothy Hanna, do will and bequeath four million, three hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven gum wrappers to Leora Peterson, that between us we may acquire a bicycle.

I, Harold Carlson, do will my athletic abilities to Bazil Lazure, that he may terrify all opponents.

I, Lillian Stevens, do will and bequeath my sweet and dignified personality to Virgil Pearce so that next year's Seniors may have one member worthy of the appellation.

I, Glen Morgan, do will and bequeath my smile to James Sappenfield, that he may occasionally look happy.

I, Jens Petersen, do will and bequeath my horse to Joe Fryman, that he may get to school on stormy days.

I, Mildred Anderson do will and bequeath my seat in the Freshman division to Ora Johnson, that she may feel at home.

I, Arvid Bartlett, do will and bequeath my Junior girl to William Haller, that she may never grow lonesome.

I, Esther Kubie, do will and bequeath my unlimited knowledge to Helen Scheffler that she may find leisure time for social affairs.

I, Wilfred Porter, do will and bequeath my sweet and peaceful dreams during my assembly periods to Herman Simonsen that he may always feel refreshed and rested.

I, Erna Metzinger, do will and bequeath my book, "How a Senior Girl May Hold an Alumnus," to Betty Noble.

I, Winston Hansen, do will and bequeath my knowledge of the origin of man to Frederick Abbott that he may become a member of the "New Thought Cult."

I, Pearl Behrendt, do will and bequeath my quiet manner to Clara Nelson, that she may grow calm and demure during her Senior year.

I, Jennie Gutschow, do will and bequeath my location in the assembly to Mabel Mose, that she may study the monument on Walker Avenue.

I, Everette Lamb, do will and bequeath my ability to "Charleston" to Sam Stewart, that he may limber up.

I, Lelah Burger, do will and bequeath my ability to evade questions to Helen Koepke that she may never be stumped.

I, Lucille Brunton, do will and bequeath my ability to master difficult subjects to Myrtle Short, that she may get on the honor roll.

I, Earl Hillman, do will and bequeath my good common sense to Kenneth Gilbertson, that he may appear to be a gentleman.

I, Evelyn McCoy, do will and bequeath my front seat in the assembly to Frances Bross, it being a comfortable seat for a small child.

I, Arthur Johnson, do will and bequeath my neat and polished appearance to Milton Sills Anderson that he may even further emulate his hero.

I, Fern McClintock, do will and bequeath my sweet demureness of manner to Mea Bartlett that she may be more sedate.

I, Marian Jacobs, do will and bequeath my liking for sweets to Frederick Kolterman as this craving can then be inexpensively satisfied from papa's store.

I, Leslie Thompson, do will and bequeath my prize from Henry Field to Louis Dixon.

I, Doris Johns, do will my happy nature to Verna Kuhr, that B. H. S. will always have a little sunbeam.

I, Mildred Moats, do will and bequeath the auburn beauty of my shining locks to Mildred Burger, that she may become a vampire.

I, Lucille Nemetz, do will and bequeath my diary of adventures and escapades, to Louise Draeger, that her life may not be without a thrill.

I, Edith Jensen, do will my Business Managership to Leslie Jensen that the position may be kept in the family.

I, Byrd Blomquist, do will and bequeath my habit of cutting up to Lois Metzinger, that the school next year may always have its entertainers.

I, Irene Haack, do will and bequeath my deep and dark secrets to Edith Frain, that Blair High girls may be kept in suspense next year.

I, Marshall Jensen, do will and bequeath my extreme proficiency in all branches to Wallace Husk, that the students of B. H. S. may always have an unfailing source of knowledge.

I, Frances Koopman, do will and bequeath my request for air and space to John Sutherland, hoping that he may one day obtain it.

I, Pearl Hundahl, do will and bequeath my faculty for questioning to Pearl Brewster, that he may find out what is going on in the world.

I, Wilma Hansen, do will and bequeath my galoshes, providing they fit, to Dorothy Smith.

I, Mildred McCormick, do will and bequeath my absent-minded gaze to Marshall Wilkins, that he may not appear so studious.

I, Herold Larsen, do will and bequeath a trunkful of girl admirers pictures to Lawrence Pease, that he may start studying evolution.

I, Leitha Pace, do will and bequeath my cheerful giggle to Dorothy Jones, that it may not perish from B. H. S.

I, Bill Rodgers, do will and bequeath my 36 volumes of "The Art of Romance" to Damon Nielsen that the grass may grow in front of the school.

Twelve Years of Progress

In the year of our Lord, one thousand nineteen hundred and fourteen, a group of wide-eyed, and bewildered little monkeys were rounded up and placed in the confinement of the North, Central and West school buildings.

The next four years were spent in taming and civilizing this wild group, and finally after the struggle ended, the fifth year found us manageable to such an extent that we were united under the watchful eye of one tutor. Two years later we had evolved to the mental capacity of Orang-outangs, and it was then that we became organized under the guidance of Miss Kennedy. Of course we had names and, after a short campaign, we elected Frances Koopman as Presidentess, Averyl Gaines as Vice-Presidentess, and Genevieve Dixon, Scribbler and Exchequer of the Royal Jackpot.

The following year we received the title Sophomores and had advanced to the Chimpanzee stage; high of brow and wise beyond doubt. At the annual election, Miss Hansen was chosen chaperone, Irene Haack presidis of affairs, Erna Metzinger, vice-president, and Fern McClintock, scribe and protectorate of the mazuma. Our third year began with much enthusiasm; we had advanced with great rapidity to the role of cave-men. In this Junior year we showed a ray of intelligence by becoming for the first time really enthusiastic. Miss Doten was elected sponsor, Earl Hillman, president, Steen Vig, vice-president, Erna Metzinger, secretary; Dorothy Powell, treasurer. For the first time, two males were elected as class leaders, which proves that this was the caveman era. The first social gathering was the Valentine's Day party. This class gave a play at the Home theatre, the first Junior play to be given for many years. The crowning success of the year however, was the Junior-Senior reception given at the American Legion hall. This reception was indeed our hors d'oeuvre, to say the least. Also several Juniors were on the football team, and the Juniors beat the Seniors in the interclass track meet.

And now at last, in our Senior year, we have reached the last stage of development, civilized and educated men and women, preparing to meet the trials of life. Mr. Moore was chosen as our sponsor, Herold Larsen was elected president, Wilford Porter, vice-president, Fern McClintock, secretary and Everett Lamb, treasurer. In track work the following Seniors have exhibited skill—Carlson, Larsen, Hansen, Porter, Rodgers, Lamb, Petersen, Bartlett. The Seniors defeated the Juniors in the inter-class track meet. In football we placed several regulars. Those gaining recognition were Captain Earl Hillman, Carlson, Larsen and Rodgers.

In the debating teams eight of the nine members were Seniors. Most of the winners of Declamatory honors were Seniors. In the state scholastic meet at Wesleyan seven places were won by Seniors.

A large number of our class were members of the Honor Society.

The Senior play "Merton of the Movies" was the best play produced for many years, and probably the best attended.

And now, after twelve years of study and work, forty-six seniors, the graduating class of nineteen hundred twenty-six, ventures into the world to shoulder the task of citizens, and it is with a feeling of regret that we leave old Blair High, with high hopes of success in the future.

Ye Noble Searcher

A Senior brave once tryed hys lucke,
 Too goe ande gette thee Holey Grayle,
 He tayked alonge a day's supplie of chucke
 And terned turtle on yee noble beane a payle,
 Whiche ys a hellmit, and begets upon ye kindly
 plugge.
 Hee gripes yee launce in browne ande brawnee
 pawe
 And tyes upon hys sunkin flankes hys sworde.
 Egad, all comers muste looke oute fore hys
 quick drawe.
 Hys rosy heeles acutred bee in ponderous
 spurres of brasse.
 As a coate of armes he proude displays
 A quarte of foaming ayle, emblazoned on hys
 tinne cuirasse,
 Hee prodde hys steede wyth mytey hoofe, it
 falls and on him layes.
 (Methinks I lefte menshun thate ye grounds
 been strewn with snow,
 Itte sifteth threw thee crevices inn hys mayle
 and be distributed machely by yee breeze.)
 Hee soone beegatte untangled from yea lifeless
 plugge, ande muche unto hys woe,
 Hee findes fulle soone hys irone frame hath
 chylled, and hee fulle soon doth sneeze.
 Sadde newes! Hys faithfull plugge hee findeth
 croaked,
 Deade frumme exposure and lacke of yee goode
 nourishment.
 Soe trudgeing the wearie pathe alle muche alone
 he choked
 And felle bye yee goodly wayside muchely
 spente.
 Hee caughed fulle muche ande hys hed itte
 runge,
 And as hee laye there sprawled 'pon the turfe,
 Hee dyed, an consumptive, wyth one remayning
 lung.
 And as hys lyfe bee beate oute, lyke wayves up-
 on the surfe
 So dothe hys queste ende fore thee holey Grayle.
 And air hee would begette on suche ay kweste
 again,
 Oddswounds, thee stuffe would lyke growe
 muchely stayle.

From Little Acorns Big Nuts Grow



Blendena Warrick



Esther Kubie



Lucille Nemetz



Irene Haack



William Rodgers



Byrd Bloomquist



Herold Larsen



Edythe Jensen



Steen Vig



Irene Warrick

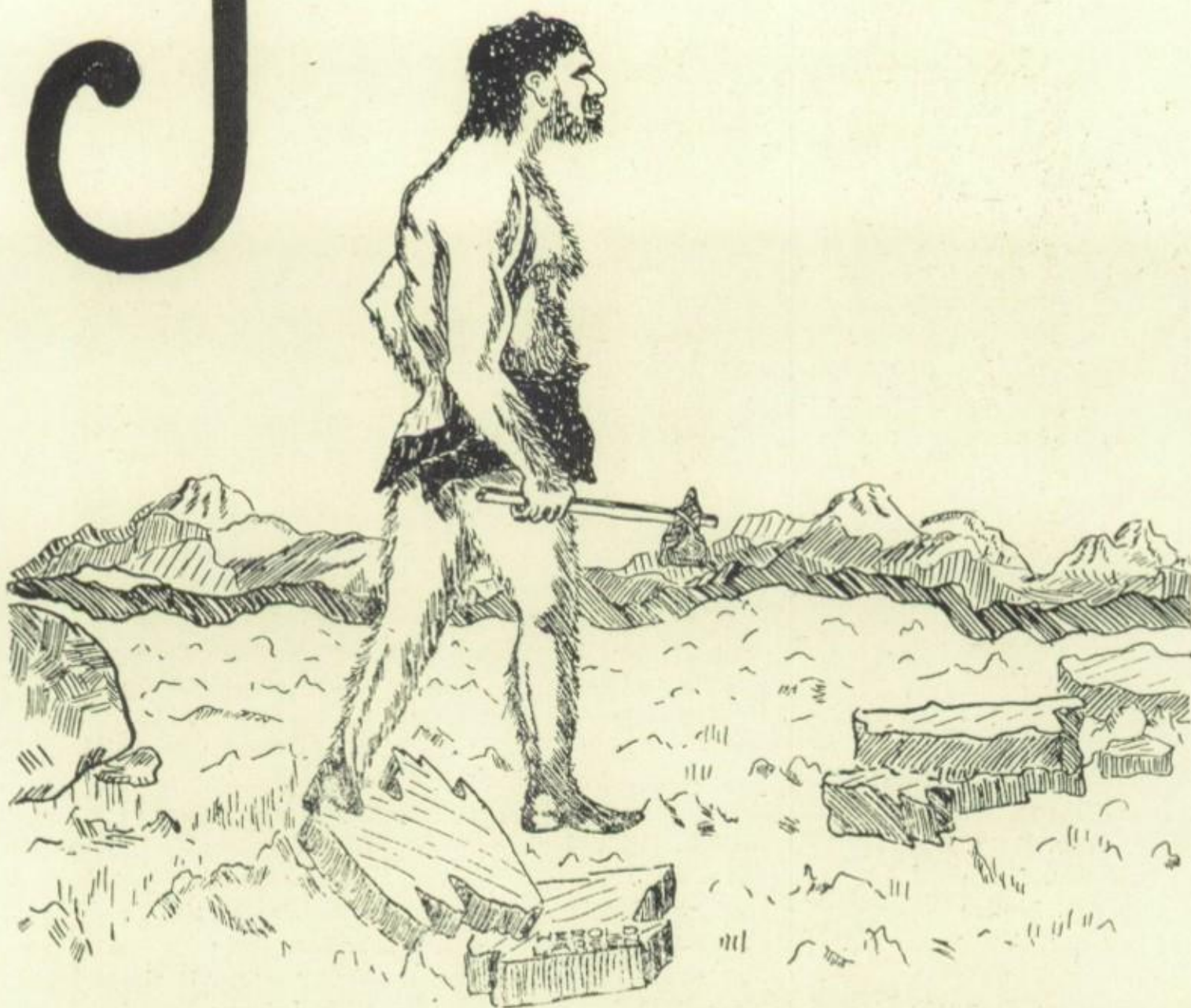


Mildred Moats



Wilfred Brier

Juniors





Junior Class Roll

Andersen, Evelyn
 Ant.11, Helen
 Bacon, Iva Mae
 Bartlett, Mea
 Bross, Frances
 Brewster, Pearl
 Burger, Mildred
 Carlson, Helen
 Christensen, Harold E.
 Christensen, Eric
 Compton, Ruth
 Cushman, Nelle
 Draeger, Louise
 Frain, Edith
 Fryman, Joe
 Gilbertson, Kenneth
 Haller, William
 Hansen, James
 Hinz, Floyd
 Hillman, Vera
 Husk, Lloyd

Husk, Wallace
 Jensen, Alice
 Jensen, Leslie
 Jensen, Stella
 Jones, Dorothy
 Johnston, Ora
 Kiefer, Barbara
 Koepke, Helen
 Kolterman, Frederick
 Kuhr, Verna
 Linden, Mildred
 Love, Mary
 Mathews, Harland
 Metzinger, Lois M.
 Moats, Evelyn
 Mose, Mabel
 McComb, Lucille
 Nelsen, Clara
 Nielsen, Damon
 Nelsen, Josephine
 Noble, Elizabeth

Peak, Ruth
 Peterson, Leora
 Pearce, Virgil
 Reeh, Bennard
 Sappenfield, James
 Scheffler, Helen
 Schmidt, Madeline
 Short, Myrtle
 Siert, Martha
 Simonsen, Herman
 Stewart, Sam
 Smith, Dorothy
 Sutherland, John
 Tilden, Irvin
 Van Deusen, Earl
 Weber, Mary
 Wilkins, Marshall
 Wilkins, Lillian
 Wrich, Alma

Junior Class Activities

That the Junior class is an enthusiastic, energetic, progressive body of students, is an established fact.

Early in the year we elected our officers, William Haller, president; Madeline Schmidt, vice-president; Verna Kuhr, secretary and Frederick Kolterman, treasurer with Miss McMonies, sponsor.

On April 13 and 14, the Junior class play, "Forty Miles an Hour," was given at the Home theatre. The cast, composed of Clara Nelson, Madeline Schmidt, Dorothy Jones, Harland Mathews, Sam Stewart, Damon Nielsen and Leslie Jensen, handled their parts very cleverly. The play is a story of modern family tempest-in-a-teapot, arising from the fact that the daughter of the house has been arrested for speeding. Of course, in the end, the excited and irate father's wrath is appeased and everything ends happily.

The proceeds of the play will be used in defraying the expense of the annual Junior-Senior reception for which plans are now under way. The decorative scheme carries out the idea of an old fashioned garden, and program and favors correspond with this theme.

We have shown marked ability in declamatory work. Mary Love won second place and Clara Nelson, third, in the humorous section of the home contest; Betty Noble, third, in the dramatic section; and Leslie Jensen, third, in the oratorical section.

Members of our class have also been prominent in the field of music. Nearly all of the orchestra is composed of Juniors and the class is represented in other musical organizations. Of those who attend the state music contests, the Juniors may readily boast. Betty Noble will contend for honors as soprano soloist, and Irvin Tilden and Leslie Jensen as clarinet and cornet soloists, respectively. Verna Kuhr will accompany the Senior Girl's Glee Club, many of whom are Juniors.

We have not won these honors by the work of any one individual but by the hearty cooperation of the class as a whole, each member of the class working for its welfare and all animated by that good old "Class Spirit."

We will say no more this year, but wait till next year, then "watch our smoke!"

OLD SONGS NEW



"School Days"



"Just a Little Drink"
By Leslie P.



"You Can't afford
a Wife
If you Can't afford
a Ford"



"The Purple and White"



"Chinese Flower"



"I Wish I Was a Monkey
In a zoo"



"Let Me Call
You Sweetheart"



"Thanks For
The Buggy Ride"

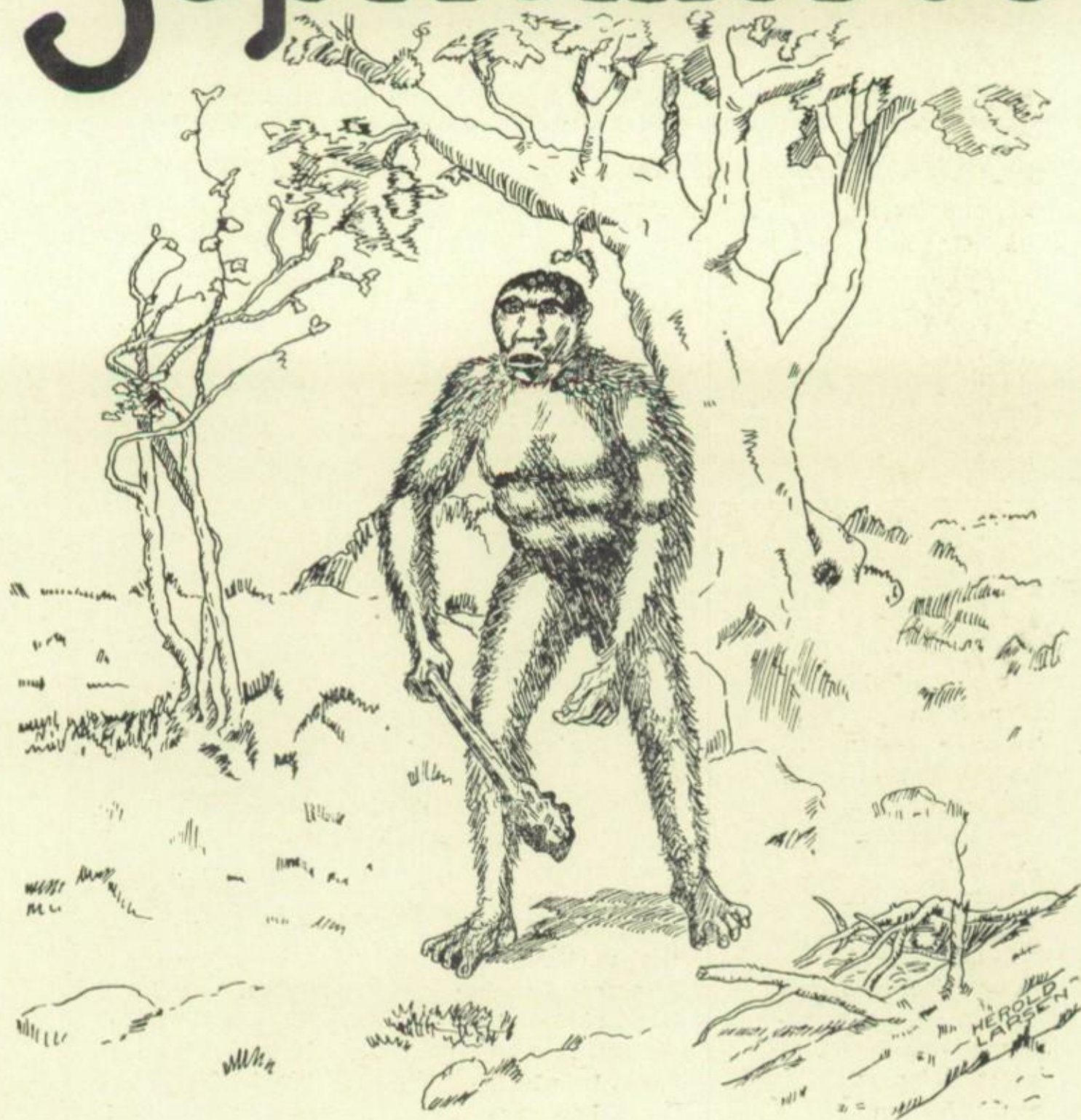


"Silver Threads Among the Gold!"



"Love Sick"

Sophomores





Sophomore Roll Call

Abbott, Frederick
 Allen, Ruth
 Andersen, Milton H.
 Beekmann, Carl
 Burger, Helen
 Carlson, Maryan
 Crowdy, Helen
 Cronstrom, Corrinne
 Cushman, Ruth
 Gillett, Raymond
 Hansen, Lavonne
 Hansen, Ernest
 Jensen, Dorothy G.
 Jensen, Kenneth
 Jensen, Merton
 Johnson, Richard
 Kiefer, Donald

Krogh, Harvey
 Kuhr, Merton
 Kuhr, Vivian
 Ladd, Margaret
 Larsen, Leona
 Lund, Ruth
 Lund, Lona
 Mackin, John
 Martindale, Edith
 Morgan, Bessie
 Mummert, Gretchen
 Mundorf, Hazel
 Nielsen, Harold
 Pease, Lola Belle
 Pease, Lawrence
 Petersen, Mildred
 Puls, Rose C.

Raver, Eva Louise
 Reeh, Bennard
 Reichenbach, Gracia E.
 Sas, Marie
 Sappenfield, Clyde
 Sperry, Eugene
 Stevens, Clarice
 Stricklett, Wayne
 Swanson, Thelma
 Tilden, Norman
 Tyson, Dorothy
 Walrath, Preston
 Walrath, Frances
 Woltje, Katherine
 Ziegler, Marguerite
 Ziegler, William

Sophomore Class Activities

The Sophomores by electing Thelma Swanson, president; Norman Tilden, vice president; Merton Kuhr, secretary and Edith Martindale, treasurer received an advantageous take-off on the track of the year's activities. Miss McCurdy was chosen sponsor.

Unwilling to sit by and watch for an opportunity to present itself that they might show their real worth, the "Sophies" went hunting for one. They began plans for a Christmas program and treat for the entire High School and visiting graduates. These were carried out very successfully on the last afternoon of school before Christmas vacation. This was our first noteworthy attempt at boosting the class.

We were further brought into the High School limelight by the exploits of the three Sophomores who went out for football and, later, those who specialized in track. The boys made fine records and deserve the praise of their classmates.

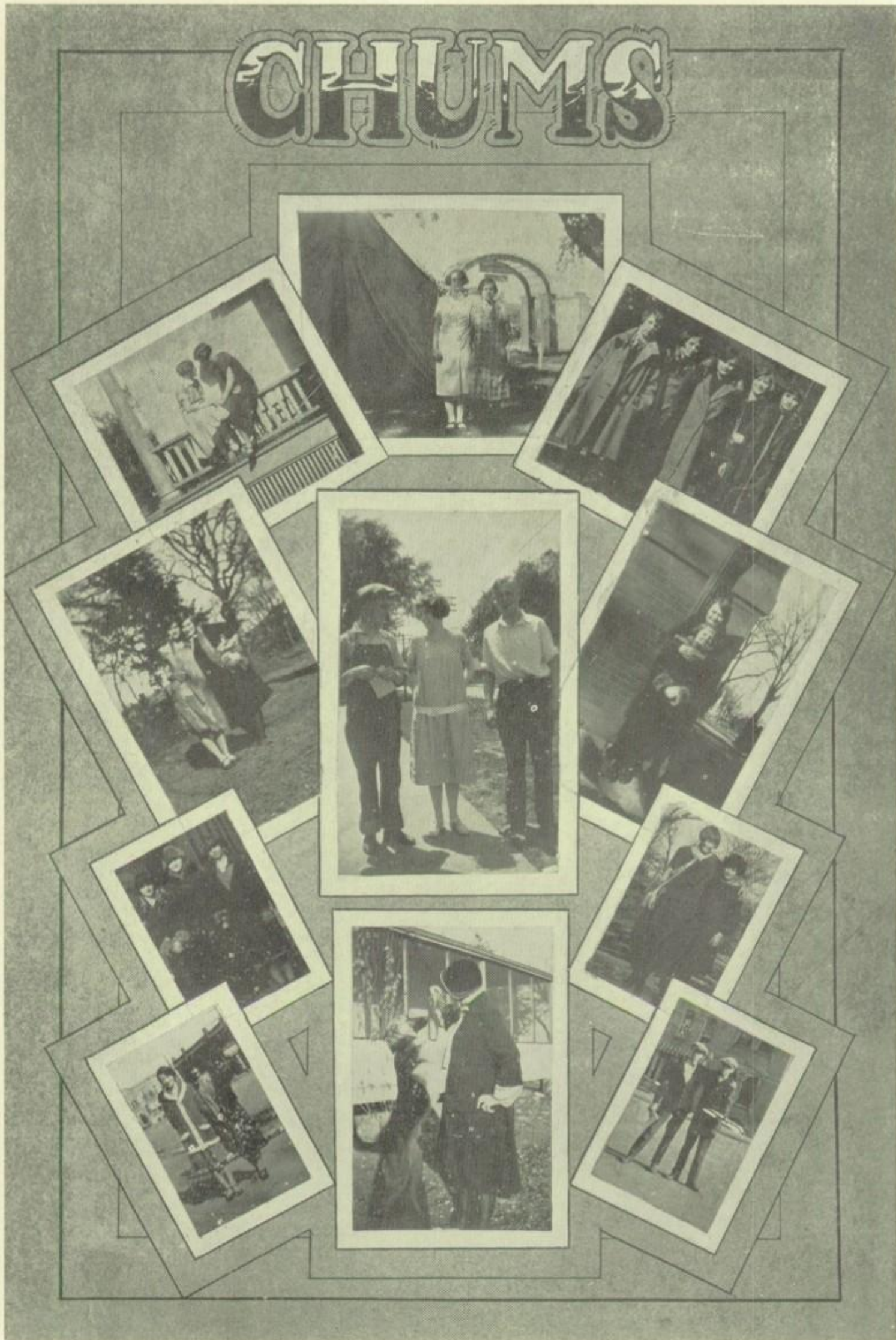
In Glee Club work are to be found many carollers who proudly claim membership in the Sophomore class.

One of our members made the debating team and received a letter, together with the four Seniors who won the emblem.

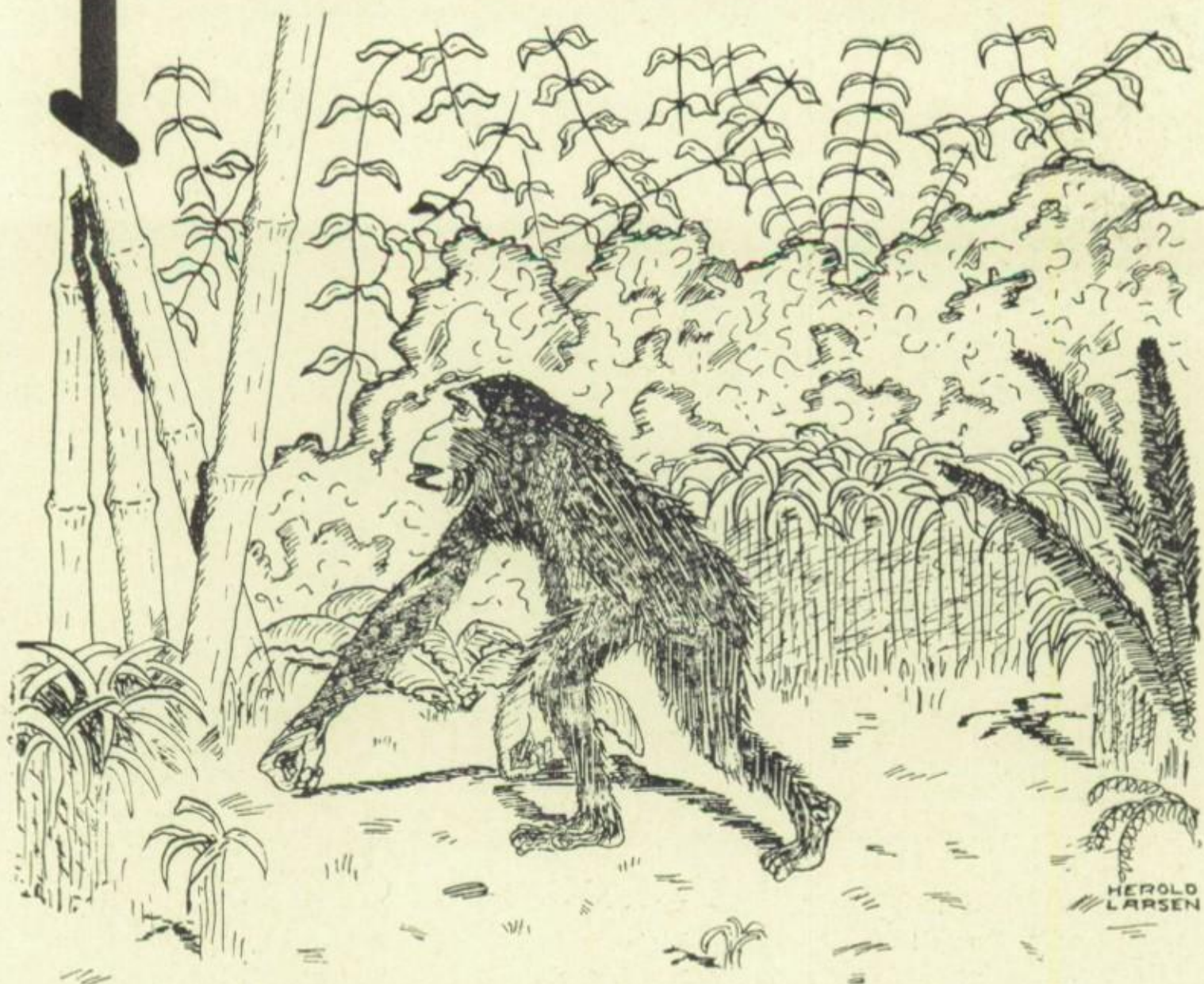
The last class affair of the year was a Spring party at the High School, on May 8. The party took the form of a masquerade and became one to be long remembered by our members.

All during the year the class was represented in all the worth while activities of the school, making in them a record full of future promise.

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Freshmen





Freshmen Class Roll

Allen, Joel
 Andersen, Mildred
 Baer, Cyril
 Beck, Edna
 Behrendt, Lola
 Biffar, Lauren W.
 Blomquist, Tom
 Bouvier, Edna
 Bowman, Barbara
 Brewster, Grant
 Brunton, Carter
 Brumbaugh, Roy
 Burger, Wilma
 Carmichael, Kenneth
 Christiansen, Russell
 Eliassen, Charles
 Frank, Lloyd
 French, Doreen
 Gamron, Sadie
 Gilbertson, Charlotte
 Gilliam, Clifford

Gutschow, Beulah
 Henningsen, Margaret
 Hineline, Marjorie
 Hopewell, Bayard
 Jacobs, Bernice
 Jensen, Lucille
 Johnson, Vernetta
 Kiefer, Faye
 Krogh, Dorothy
 Lamb, Vera
 Lazure, Bazil
 Lindstrom, Edwin
 Matthiesen, Louise
 Miller, Edna
 Miller, Vivienne
 Morgensen, Grace
 McDonald, Dorothy
 McCormick, Jeannette
 McMillan, Robert
 Nielsen, Dagny
 Nielsen, Vance

Paulsen, Harry
 Peak, Iris
 Pearce, Violet
 Petersen, Alma
 Peterson, Oscar
 Peterson, Ervin
 Reeh, Anna
 Schroder, Goldie
 Sorensen, Elsie
 Sorensen, Lillian
 Steed, Neil
 Stricklett, Bernice
 Stricklett, Junior
 Svendgaard, Helen
 Sylvis, Charles
 Taylor, Olivia
 Vig, Arndt
 Walrath, Chester
 Watkins, Della
 Weber, Mattie
 Wilkins, Albert, jr

Freshmen

The word "Freshmen" has a very significant meaning; it stands for the most brilliant and noteworthy class in any high school. Upper classmen are sometimes prone to think of those who are in their first year in high school as being green, dumb, and unsophisticated. That this impression is an erroneous one is proven by the undisputed fact that many of the high school's most brilliant students were at one time freshmen.

In the field of mental activity the students of the ninth grade are without peers. Some of the group being so brilliant that they are unable in a single year to complete all the work of which they are capable. Hence they remain in the same grade a second year.

The Freshmen class is however perhaps most noteworthy in the matter of attendance at eighth hour. Many evenings they outnumber all the other classes combined. This should, by all means, not be construed as meaning that they are mean or childish. It rather indicates such proficiency along the line of lesson learning that they have much time left for leisure occupation.

If after reading the above epistle there is in the mind of the reader any doubt as to the truth of the assertions made let him merely inquire of any Freshmen and be convinced. Great care should be exercised to be certain that the individual so questioned is a bonified Freshman and not an imposter.

Freshmen Activities

The Freshman class was organized December 12. They elected the following officers: President, Bayard Hopewell; vice-president, Louise Matthiesen; secretary, Vance Nielsen, and treasurer, Charlotte Gilbertson. Miss Shriver was chosen as sponsor.

When the scholarship contest was held in Lincoln Edwin Lindstrom represented the Freshmen there. Basil Lazure participated in the local Declamatory contest where he recited the now famous "Bear Story."

SAL MAGUNDI



Bruno enjoys English



That Memorable Settee!



Harly Started Sheiking early



Side View Of The Riot Makers
(Note facial expression)



A New Scandal!



The Occupant's Of The Settee



Try This On Your Piano!



The Art Editor Often Goes Up In The Air!



What Mellon's Baby Food Did For Me, by Hansy



Junior Tadpoles



The Editor's "Twin Two"

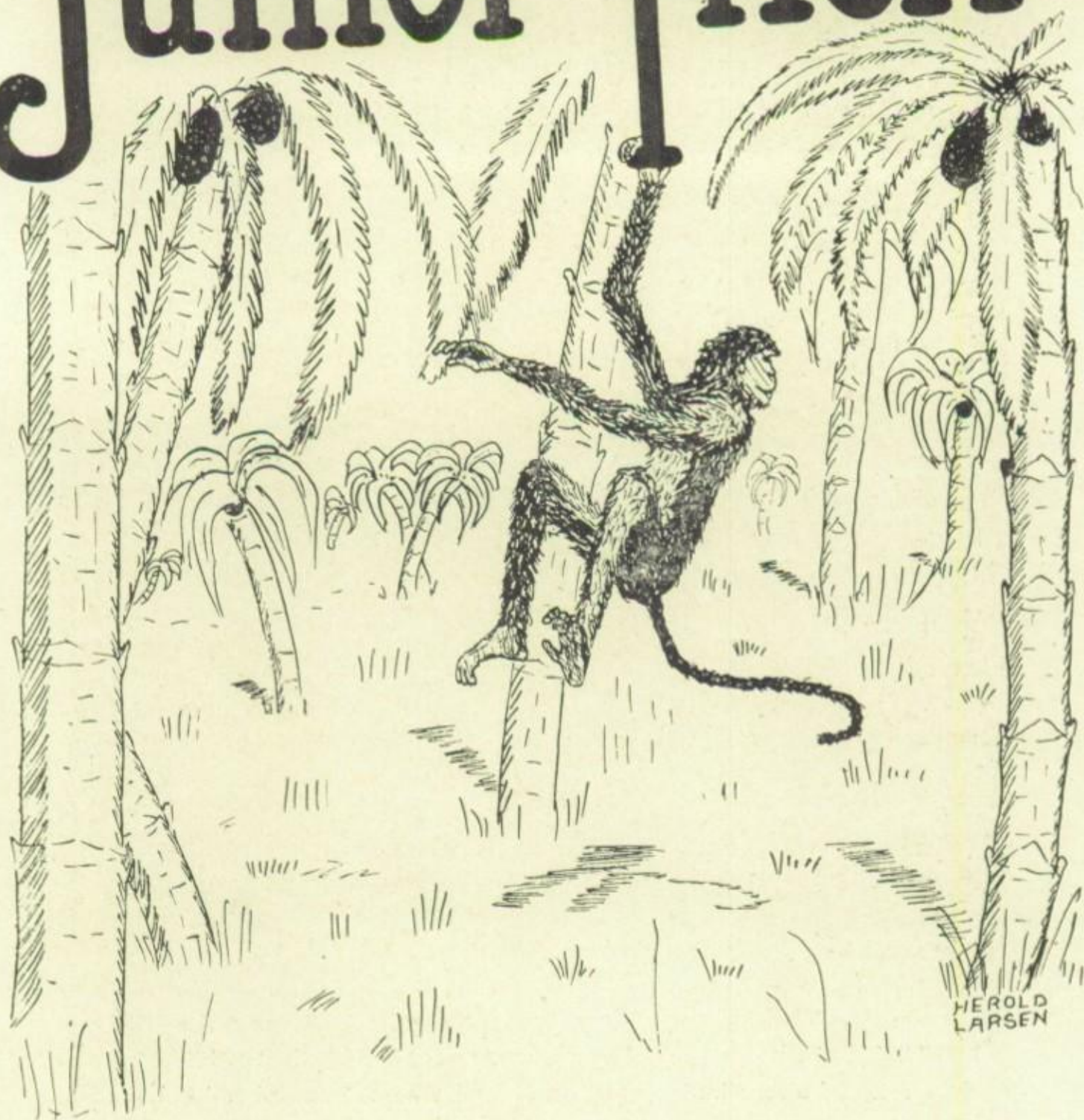


Cashier & Two Bouncers



Results of early sheiking

Junior High





HILDEGARD LINDEBLAD
Wayne State Teachers' College
Physiology



JEANNETTE McQUARRIE
University of Nebraska
Arithmetic



LOIS FOOSE
University of Nebraska
History



HAZELLE FOGLE
Maryville Teachers' College
English



Junior High School Roll

Abbott, Norman
 Allen, Harriet
 Andersen, Ernest
 Andersen, Leon
 Anderson, Viggo
 Andreassen, Helen
 Antill, Arline
 Aye, Caroline
 Badgerow, Margaret
 Bartlett, Irvin
 Baxter, Dorothy
 Beales, Austin
 Beekmann, Alice
 Booth, Susan
 Boston, Donald
 Bramlett, Shelby
 Brumbaugh, Ora
 Burger, Marshall
 Caldwell, Edward
 Campbell, Leslie
 Christiansen, Audrey
 Clausen, Andrew
 Cook, Donald
 Feer, Lucille
 Frain, Alta
 French, Clifford
 French, Myrle
 Gallentine, Eldon
 Gilbertson, Dorothea
 Gilbertson, Myrtle
 Gilliam, Ada
 Gilliam, Gladys
 Collehon, Marvin
 Haller, Sam
 Hansen, Niles

Hansen, Opal
 Hansen, Viola
 Haynes, Lottie
 Hitchman, Alec
 Jacobs, Frances
 Jenkins, Edward
 Jenkins, Margaret
 Jensen, Alfred
 Johnston, Joe
 Jones, Margaret
 Kelly, Francis
 Koopman, Mae M.
 Krogh, Clara
 Ladd, Curtis
 Ladd, Renard
 Lund, Norma
 McCormick, Grace
 McMillan, Bert
 Matthiesen, Fredricka
 Maynard, Carrie
 Maynard, Curtis
 Miller, Lowell
 Moats, La Vaughn
 Moore, Mary Isabella
 Morgensen, Alma
 Morier, Moneta
 Myers, Jean
 Myers, Margaret
 Nicholson, George
 Nielsen, Jules
 Nielsen, Madeline
 Nielsen, Niels
 Olesen, Sven
 Peterson, Adolf
 Philipps, Rozella

Raver, Donald
 Raver, Melvin
 Reynolds, Gladys
 Rhoades, Priscilla
 Rodel, Iris
 Sappenfield, Clarence
 Schriefer, Amanda
 Schriefer, Olga
 Schulz, Alfons
 Schulz, Olga
 Siert, Frances
 Siert, Robert
 Simpson, Luella
 Smith, Alsyne
 Smith, Bertha
 Sperry, John
 Steffens, Charles
 Stevens, Elsie
 Stewart, Jean
 Stricklett, Melbourne
 Svendgard, Woodrow
 Sylvis, William
 Terrell, Cora
 Terrell, Paul
 Thompson, Albert
 Tilden, Doris
 Tilden, Ruth
 Timm, Dorothy
 Timm, Pearl
 Van De Venter, Guy
 Vig, Ruth
 Walrath, Helen
 Ward, Morris
 Wolff, Florence
 Woltje, Eddie

Junior High School Activities

The spelling contest was one of the outstanding features of the year. The county contest was held at the court house March 13. Norma Lund and Ruth Vig were the representatives from Blair Junior High. Both were winners; Norma Lund took first place in oral spelling and Ruth won second place in the same contest.

Ruth Vig will enter the state spelling contest, which is to be held September 8 at Lincoln.

Norma Lund went to the Interstate Spelling Contest, which was held at Hawarden, Iowa, on May 7, 1926, where she competed with contestants from the states of Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

The students who entered the contest were coached by Miss Lindeblad and Miss Foose.

The Junior High School gave a Springtime operetta, "In Nature's Byways," by McCurry. Mrs. Brown had charge of the music, Miss Lindeblad took charge of the speaking parts, Miss Foose had charge of the dances, Miss McQuarrie assisted with the costuming and Miss Fogel was the accompanist. The operetta consisted of two acts with dances, solos, duets and choruses. The special parts were taken by Dorothy Baxter, Alice Beekmann, Alec Hitchman, Jean Myers, Susan Booth, Alfred Jensen, Margaret Jenkins, Edward Jenkins, Mae M. Koopman, Margaret Badgerow, Fredricka Matthiesen, Woodrow Svengaard, Jules Nielsen, La Vaughn Moats, and Madeline Nielsen.

The 8A English class undertook the responsibility of writing a novel. "Pals" was the selected title. Each member contributed one chapter. The class is thinking of applying for a copyright for it and having it published.

Calendar

December 22—Junior High entertained Senior High with a Christmas program. The playlette given was "The Choosing of the Seasons." Senior High furnished the tree and treats.

February 13—Junior High School Valentine party in the various charge rooms.

March 13—The Washington county spelling contest was held in the court house. Norma Lund won first place in the oral and Ruth Vig won second place. Norma will go to Lincoln September 8 to compete in the state spelling contest.

May 4—The 8C English class took a hike and had their campfire supper in the woods.

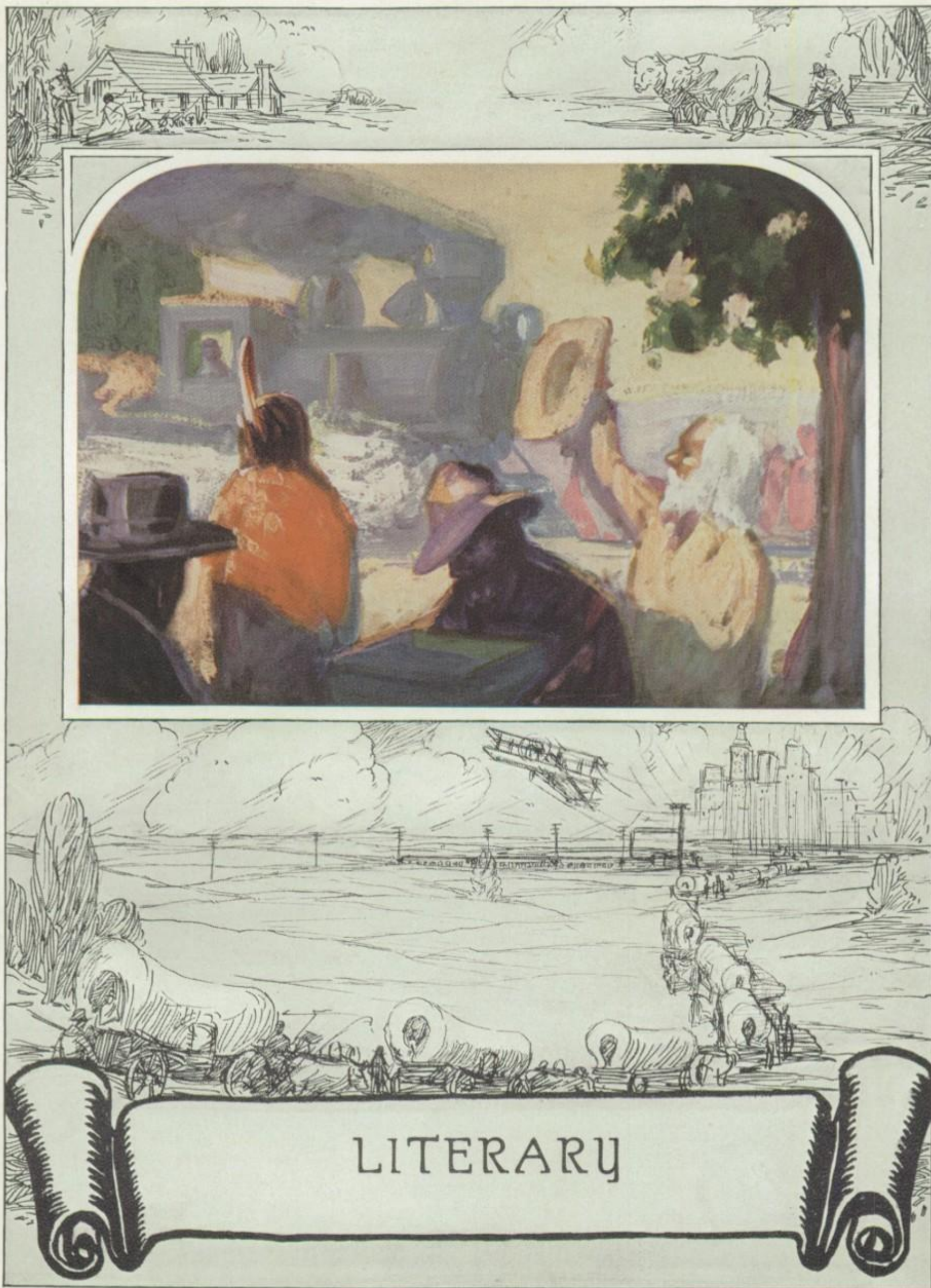
May 7—Norma Lund represented Blair Junior High School in the Interstate Spelling Contest at Hawarden, Iowa.

May 15—Margaret Jenkins, Dorothy Baxter, Edward Jenkins and Alfred Jensen danced the "Minuet" at the Junior-Senior reception. Dorothy Baxter and Alfred Jensen sang solos.

May 19—Junior High School cantata "In Nature's Byways," by McCurry.

May 20—The 7A English class presented their two plays which were written by the class members.

May 21—The 8A English class had a mock graduating exercise. Parents and friends were invited.



Romance Masquerades

The love of strong, brave men for attractive women has colored the history of the world for eons and eons; tales of knightly conquests of rivalries between king and noble, villain and hero, all for the hand of some wonderful princess, have come through the ages, tintured with romance and chivalry, sacrifice and devotion, intrigue and adventure.

And merely because this tale is laid in an unromantic age, in a drab little town, or because the principals are only high school students and not knights and princesses, it loses none of its glamour. For, after all, Rosalind Brooks was as much of a prize as any princess who ever reigned, and Louis Burney and Arthur Watson was as truly knights as though they wore armor in place of college cut clothes. And the friends of all three watched the rivalry with as much interest as the members of any royal house ever watched the progress of two brave swains for the hand of their princess.

Never were two suitors endowed with talents so different. Louis was the highly polished gem, set in a platinum mounting; Arthur was the unpolished stone, rough yet promising. Clever, witty, handsome and dapper, with the poise and self-confidence of a movie actor, Louis was acknowledged the social leader of the school. Whereas Arthur, not particularly handsome nor witty, was a general favorite because of his athletic ability, his personality, modesty and perseverance. But in his makeup there existed one serious defect—his bashfulness. Shy and reticent by nature, it seemed to him that this trait increased as he attempted to conquer it, and he had never forgotten the night at a football banquet, when with a brave effort he followed the instructions in a public speaking book, and had been forced, blushing and stammering, to abandon his speech leaving a sentence, uncompleted, suspended in the air.

Knights of old met on battle fields or on dueling grounds, but it soon became generally known that the annual high school historical masquerade was to be the scene of the crisis between Louis Burney and Arthur Watson. For Rosalind had confided to a girl chum that Louis was impatient and that he had insisted she make a choice and either give Watson up entirely or confine her affections to him. Being romantic at heart, Rosalind had thought the plan of comparing the two and making a choice thrilling.

Louis felt perfectly secure; while he had never doubted Rosalind's decision, he realized that nowhere would his superiority be more apparent than on a ball room floor. He felt unkindly toward Watson, for even presuming to pose as his rival....if he could only make him as ridiculous as he was the night of the football banquet....this thought was in his mind as he visited Miss Weston's room.

Miss Weston, a member of the faculty and the sponsor of the dance, had ruled that all guests were to register with her in advance. Thus a repetition of historical characters would be avoided, and the committee would be able to make a definite program of entertainment stunts.

Louis found the room vacant and a sudden inspiration seized him. "If I could find out who Watson's going to represent—" A moment later he found a slip in the teacher's desk and towards the top he saw "Arthur Watson—Daniel Webster."

He had replaced the slip and was the picture of boredom when Miss Weston came in. "I don't know just what American character I'll be" he informed her, "has anyone taken Webster?" "Well, I'll be Hayne, then," he replied when she had answered. "Why wouldn't it be a pretty good entertainment stunt to have another Webster-Hayne debate—on some foolish subject of course," he suggested hopefully. Miss Weston was impressed by his originality, and enthusiasm over the idea. She would certainly use it.

Louis' joyfulness could not be restrained. He told Rosalind the plan, and even when she failed to share his enthusiasm, he was undaunted. "This debate will attract more local attention than Webster and Hayne ever did," he prophecied gleefully.

Rosalind felt it her duty to tell Arthur of the conspiracy, and upon learning of it, he nearly succumbed. "I can't do it, Rosalind, and I won't either, I won't go." But the look Rosalind conferred upon him was more eloquent than words. "Well, if that's the way you feel, I'll make a stab at it anyway;" he promised firmly.

Then came the night of the party, and in the ballroom there appeared a collection of all the notable and notorious figures in American history, some of whom were recognizable as such, even under their masks. George Washington was there with three Marthas, Rosalind one of them; Lincoln could be identified by his frock coat and false beard; John Paul Jones could be picked out by his sailor's suit....

Louis Burney, whose costume bore no particular resemblance to Hayne, searched the room for his rival, and finally located him, not by any likeness he bore to Webster, but because he had isolated himself in one corner of the room, as Arthur would be apt to do, and sat there, a picture of forlorn despair. Louis had a great deal of satisfaction from the thought that the best was yet to come.

During the first intermission George Washington and his bevy of wives danced a quadrille. Then came more dancing. While waltzing with Rosaline, Louis pointed out the figure in the corner and smiled. Rosalind's eyes flashed, but she said nothing.

Miss Weston went to the stage to make another announcement.... "we are very fortunate to have with us tonight those two eloquent gentlemen, Webster and Hayne, who will now entertain us with a discussion on the subject "Why the Dead Sea Died."

Rosalind scarcely dared to watch the figure of Webster rise and start for the platform. Hayne started to speak first, but Rosalind's heart was beating so rapidly she was hardly aware that he was talking. Webster was called upon and she closed her eyes—and wished she could close her ears.

Yet when she heard the first words, spoken clearly and without a quaver of emotion, she knew she had nothing to worry about. For it was the voice of determination. She didn't know what he said, she was so excited, but she was aware that there was generous applause when he sat down.

Outside, a figure scurried down the fire escape and ran into the dressing room. "Jerry, you got by big—Dan himself wouldn't have done any better, but I've lost my nerve—I'm not going through with it."

But Daniel Webster took off a bulky wig and placed it firmly on the head of Arthur Watson. "Oh, yes, you are. That bozo isn't going to get by half as big as he thought he would. Quick, now, get into this outfit, and go upstairs.... and remember, I get a dance with your sweetie."

The two entered the ball room—Arthur as Webster, his friend, with only a black mask over his eyes, as the next president. Rosalind was radiant. "My cousin, Jerry Moore, Rosalind." "Oh, yes," she smiled, "I've heard about you....let's see, you're a champion debater of some sort, aren't you?" Then she turned to Arthur, her face beaming, "It was simply wonderful, Arthur, positively...."

But the forlorn Arthur interrupted her.... There's no use deceiving you, Rosie....Jerry gave that talk....I was on the fire escape."

"Well, silly, she said, "Don't you think I knew that.... you haven't any gold in your front teeth, and every time Dan Webster smiled...."

It was the custom, once upon a time, for the victor to kneel before his lady love to be crowned with a wreath of laurel. But though the laurel went out long ago, a smile, if it is the right kind of a smile, is just as romantic as any wreath.

The Tattler Address

(With Apologies to Lincoln)

Four score and seven years ago, a former student brought forth into this institution a new idea, conceived in labor and dedicated to the proposition that all high schools are capable of editing an annual.

Now we are engaged in a great annual campaign, testing whether that idea, or any idea so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that campaign. We have come to a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their labors that this annual might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, the Tattler staff can dedicate but cannot edit and publish this annual. The good students, living and dead, who struggled here, have contributed to it far above the staff's poor power to add or detract.

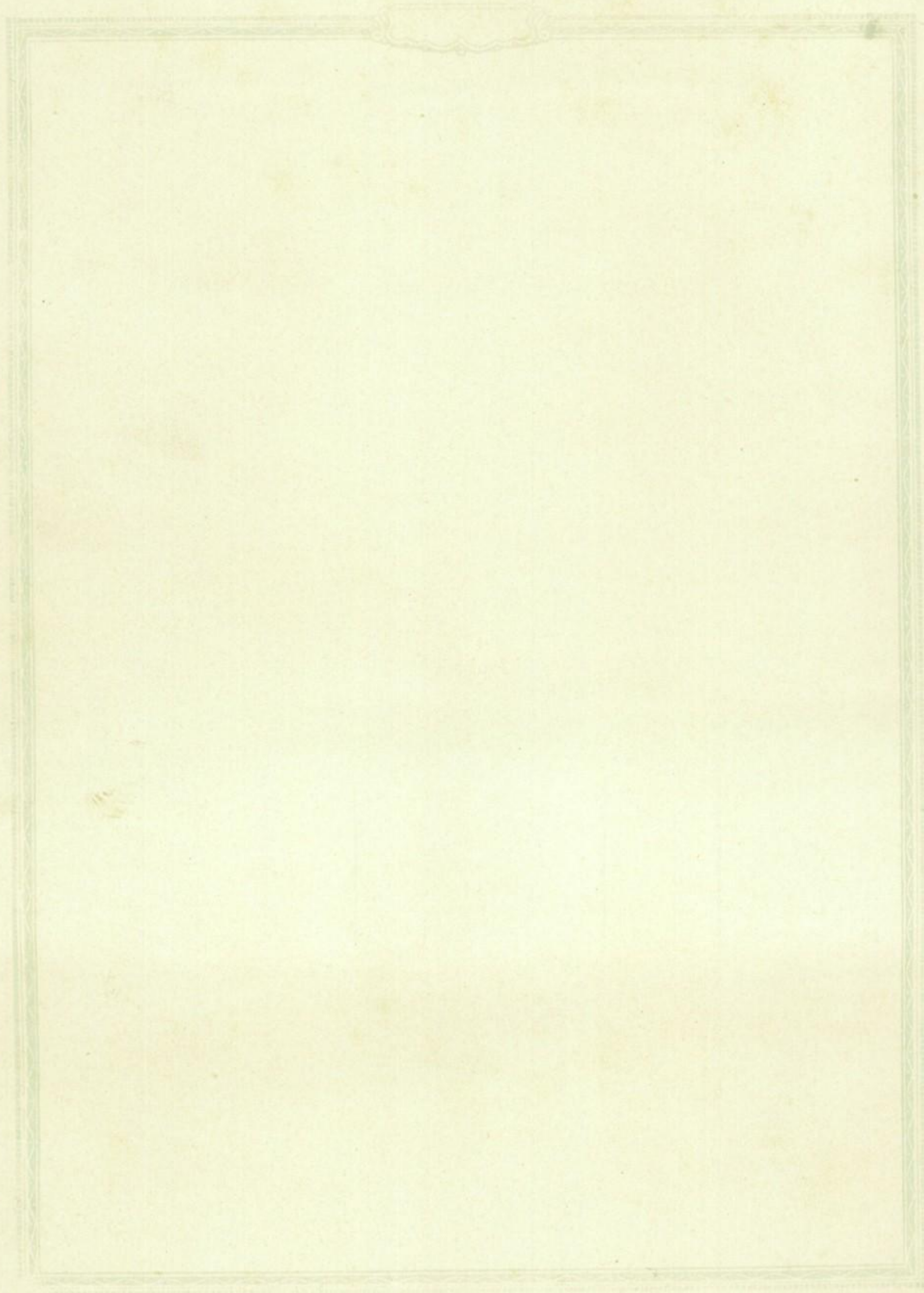
The world will little note nor long remember what the staff says here, but it can never forget what the students wrote here. It is for us, the student body, rather, to contribute here to the unfinished work that they, the Tattler staff, have thus so far nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from the annuals of former years, we take increased devotion to the cause for which the former editors here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these staffs shall not have labored in vain—that this annual, under this cover, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that annuals of the High School by the staff and for the students shall not perish from the earth.—Ernest Hansen.

A Fantasy

The Kings of Kings, the God of all,
Mused in a golden reverie
Upon a lofty throne.
And in his hand he held
These, and these alone:
An emerald, a bit of gold,
And some ethereal love
Left from the building of an abode
For the mighty God above.
And as he gazed, the emerald slipped
From his restraining palm,
And fell a million miles away,
Into the ocean calm.
He downward looked,
His brow perplexed,
At his carelessness aghast,
His great brow cleared,
The shadows broke,
And then he cried, "At last,
The emerald shall become an isle
Close to England's shore,
The love become the fairies
That shall live there evermore.
And of the gold I'll fashion hearts
For the people of that land."
And still ruled by those hearts of gold
We greet—the Irishman.

—Eva Louise Raver.





ACTIVITIES



Orchestra



Girls' Junior Glee Club



Girls' Senior Glee Club



Boys' Junior Glee Club



Boys' Senior Glee Club

Music in Blair High School This Year

The musical organizations of Blair High School include the Junior and Senior Girls' Glee Clubs, the Junior and Senior Boys' Glee Clubs and the orchestra. All are directed by Mrs. G. S. Brown.

The Senior Girls' Glee Club started the year with an enrollment of thirty-five. The girls sang several times in the assembly music periods and also for debates and declamatory contests. The combined Senior Glee clubs gave an operetta, "The Pennant." The difficulty of giving an operetta of its kind in a small school, made its success especially praise worthy. Twenty of the girls sang "Beneath Thy Lattice" at the state music contest in Lincoln.

The Junior Girls' Glee Club is composed of forty-five first year music girls. Their earnest endeavors of this year should make them a valuable addition to the Advanced Glee Club next year.

The Senior Boys' Glee Club has twenty-four members. They gave an agreeable program at the Blair South High debate.

The Junior Boys' Glee Club has twenty-two members from the Freshman and Sophomore classes. They progressed rapidly in their first year music work and became formidable rivals of the older organization.

The orchestra had a really fine diversity of instruments. They gave several delightful programs upon various occasions during the year.



Honor Society

Officers

President	-	Erna Metzinger	Secretary	-	Madeline Schmidt
Vice-President	-	Edythe Jensen	Treasurer	-	Steen Vig

The chief aim of the Honor Society is the encouragement of scholarship among the students of Blair High School. That it well performed this function is attested by the fact that during the first six weeks of the organizations existence the number of students whose names appeared upon the honor roll was practically doubled.

The society holds regular meetings bi-weekly at which time members of the group present a program. These programs are of a literary and musical nature. They are intended to contribute toward the development of the organizations members.

Other activities of the organization during the year included the main program at the Thirteen Club Carnival and a very enjoyable St. Patrick's day party.



Commercial Club

Officers

President	-	Earl Hillman	Sec.-Treas.	-	Vera Hillman
Vice-President	-	Arthur Johnson	Sponsor	-	Miss Moss

The Commercial club is composed of all members of the Commercial classes. It was organized December 8, 1925, for the dual purpose of business and pleasure.

March 27 the Commercial Club sent three contestants to the district Commercial contest at Fremont. LaFern Toft won second place in champion typewriting and Marian Jacobs won fourth place in Shorthand.

April 17 the Commercial and Normal Training Clubs held a bake sale at Wolff's Drug Store to raise funds to send their contestants to the State Commercial Contest at Columbus, Nebraska. Marian Jacobs won fourth place in Shorthand.

The annual picnic took place at Johns grove May 17. The eats were fine.



Science Club

Officers

President - Marshall Jensen Secretary - Dorothy Powell
Vice-President - Steen Vig Treasurer - Frederick Kolterman

The Science Club of Blair High was formulated February 12, 1926, under sponsorship of Mrs. Masser. At this meeting a constitution was agreed to and the officers were elected. Our meetings were held every second Friday during the twenty-five minute period. The purpose of this club was to stimulate interest in the Science (Physics and Chemistry) departments and foster better fellowship among the students.

The work of this organization consisted of various scientific reports and programs. Our social affairs were a party and a picnic at which the faculty were present. We deem our club, in its short existence, a successful and profitable experiment on our part.



Home Economics Club

Officers

President	-	-	Dagny Nielsen	Sec.-Treas.	-	Edna Bouvier
Vice-Pres.	-	Charlotte Gilbertson	Sponsor	-	-	Miss Shriver

The Home Economics Club was organized at the beginning of the present school year. A constitution was adopted, officers elected and the club became a reality. Active membership is limited to the members of the department. The aim of the club is to create greater interest in Home Economics work.

The activities of the club included the following:

Observance of Ellen Richards Day, December third; serving of the annual football banquet, December twelfth; a Christmas party just before the holidays, and bake sale January the fifteenth.



Normal Training Club

Officers

President	-	-	-	Esther Kubie
Vice-President	-	-	-	Jennie Gutschow
Secretary-Treasurer	-	-	-	Irene Haack

The Normal Training Club was organized December 4, 1925. Eligibility is determined by membership in the Pedagogy class. This class is the one in which the girls planning to be teachers receive their professional training.

A business meeting is held on Friday of alternate weeks, at which time matters are considered that are of interest to prospective teachers. Two interesting features of the year's programs were talks by the county superintendent, Miss Mabel Marsh, and learning to do Gesso work.

Dues of ten cents per meeting were collected and the treasury was further reinforced by the proceeds of an ice cream, candy and pop corn stand at the Thirteen Club Carnival. Most of the money thus raised was utilized to purchase various articles which add interest to the work of the department.



Thirteen Club

Officers

President	-	-	-	Winston Hansen
Vice-President	-	-	-	Frances Koopman
Secretary-Treasurer	-	-	-	Madeline Schmidt

The chief aim of the Thirteen Club is the creation of school spirit, loyalty and "pep." The many activities of the organization during the year are an indication of achievement along this line.

One of the outstanding events of the season was the annual football banquet. Miniature goal posts, footballs, purple and white streamers, and prettily decorated tables transformed the music room into a beautiful banquet hall. The preparation of the food and the serving was ably taken care of by the Home Economics Club under the direction of Miss Shriver.

The Thirteen Club play, "Miss Civilization," which was presented at the Home theatre was well received and proved to be a splendid source of revenue.

The climax of the year's activities came in the form of the annual carnival. It was not only a profitable venture but an entertainment of merit as well.



Declamatory

Twenty-four high school students, the largest number signing up for any scholastic activity, enrolled for Declamatory work late in the season. Immediately after the selections arrived the contestants set to work under the supervision of Mrs. Masser, Miss McMonies and Miss Hutchinson.

After a period of strenuous training the entries prepared for the local elimination contest held at the Blair High School auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, February eighteenth and nineteenth. In this contest the judge, Miss Kadel of the Misner School of Expression gave first places to Erna Metzinger in the dramatic class, Herold Larsen in the oratorical and Winston Hansen in the humorous class.

Due to the fact that Erna Metzinger had received first place in the Washington county declamatory contest the previous year, she was not eligible for this year's contest. Frances Koopman, winner of second place in the local contest therefore competed together with Blair's representatives in the other two divisions. This contest was held Friday, March 19, at the high school. Here the Blair entries received first place in every section of the contest and Blair High became winner of the large silver loving cup for the second consecutive year.

The next contest was the sub-district which was held at Blair this year due to the efforts of Superintendent D. V. Masser. Here Edythe Jensen received second place in the extemporaneous speaking section, Herold Larsen third place in the oratorical class, and Winston Hansen second in the humorous, in competition with Arlington, Dodge, Herman, Omaha Central, Omaha North, and Omaha South High schools.

This contest ended the Blair High Declamatory season; one which truly gratified those who had patiently labored to make it a notable success.



Debate

Superintendent D. V. Masser called a meeting of those interested in debate the first week in December. Sixteen responded to the call and from these volunteers were formed four teams of three debaters and one alternate each. The teams were to debate on the Nebraska question, "Resolved, that Cabinet Members Should Have the Right to the Floor of Congress."

In order to get a line on the debaters a series of preliminary debates were held and the following were chosen to represent Blair High in league debates: Affirmative team—1st speaker, Frances Koopman; 2nd speaker, Steen Vig; 3rd speaker, Herold Larsen; and alternate Fern McClintock. Negative team—1st speaker, Dorothy Jensen; 2nd speaker, Winston Hansen; 3rd speaker, Edith Jensen; alternate Marshall Jensen.

The first debate of the season was a dual encounter with Abraham Lincoln High on January 4, 1926. Blair negative defeated Abraham Lincoln affirmative as did their negative emerge victorious over our affirmative team.

The negative team next engaged in an argumentative conflict with South High over whom they were easily victorious.

Shortly after this debate a second dual debate was arranged with Central, with the same results as the first, Blair and Central negatives winning the debates.

Technical High of Omaha was the fourth school with whom we met in an informal encounter, Technical securing the larger half of a two to one decision.

The Tekamah debate closed a most successful debating season; Blair high losing the district championship by the loss of one debate.



Thirteen Club Play



Senior Play

Dramatics in Blair High School

The Thirteen Club play, "Miss Civilization," was presented at the Home theatre on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22.

The one act is a contest of wits between the daughter of a railroad superintendent and three burglars who invade her home. The girl emerges victor of the situation and faints in the arms of her rescuers.

All the parts were played well and as a dramatic presentation the little drama was a top-notch.

The Junior class presented the comedy "Forty Miles an Hour" at the Home theatre on February 12 and 13. The humorous story of modern home life and its troubles found a very receptive audience.

It concerns an erring Miss who runs afoul of the speed laws. During her absence her case is discussed by her family, who, however, are ignorant of the fact that the proud daughter is the miscreant. The judge who has found daughter Peggy, is the dinner guest and it is he who related the incident. Peggy's father at the close of the anecdote declares the event shameful and states that if his daughter should become similarly involved he would immediately disown her.

His consternation is therefore excessive when Peggy arrives minus an alibi for her prolonged absence. A policeman arrives with a wrist-watch Peggy left in the court room; the truth leaks out and a fiery scene ensues. However, due to the influence of the judge, the incident is forgotten and all is peacefully settled.

The annual Senior class play was presented at the B. F. D. hall Friday and Saturday nights, May 21 and 22. It was a clever four-act comedy, "Merton of the Movies." The play is an extremely appealing one, sparkling with humor and yet maintaining throughout a delicate touch of pathos. The chief character, Merton Gill, was impersonated by Herold Larson. He seemed to have a natural adaptation for the part, and his rendition of it was all that could be desired.

The story is that of a youthful clerk in a general store in a one-horse country town. Possessed of Caesar's fault he aspires to the lofty heights of success on the silver screen. His pursuit thereof follows the avenue paved with the footprints of the only celestial creature which his dazzled eyes perceive in the orbit of cameraland. Of course the first step is Hollywood. There, Merton finds himself the toy of chance buffeted carelessly by the winds of mistaken dreams. But with air castles crashing he is continually soothed by the Montague girl super-sophisticated movie actress. She consoles him after each failure and after his ideal the marvellous Beulah turns out to be tin-plate rather than sterling.

When Merton succeeds it is the Montague girl who is the genius of his achievements and as the curtain slowly descends Merton comments "She is my best pal and I might also add, my severest critic."

All the characters did excellent work and are to be highly commended. The welcome reception of this play is an emphatic indication of its merit.



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The 1926 Tattler

“Excelsior,” was the cry of the youth in Longfellow’s poem who forged his way upward over Alpine heights to victory. And “Excelsior,” has been the guiding theme of the Tattler staff in preparation of this year’s Annual.

“Higher” must be always the thought of him who hopes to attain success and in this volume we have endeavored to exhibit the evidence that Blair High School, in every aspect, is inspired by this principle. Presenting the achievements of the past school year, we hope to instill into the minds of students to come, the desire to emulate and advance beyond what has been already accomplished.

In every phase, social, educational and athletic, our school this year has made advancement, but all of this is only a foundation upon which succeeding students may build further toward the ideals and attainments which we hope that Blair High School may one day achieve.

And so—with the keynote of Progress—we present to the student body and our patrons, the 1926 Tattler.



Track

Interest in track this year at Blair High was probably higher than at any previous time in the history of the school. The first call for recruits resulted in the enlistment of a goodly amount of splendid material and the workouts began early in March. Harold Carlson, otherwise known as "the Big Swede," was elected captain of the squad.

The first meet engaged in was the county track meet at Arlington on April 17. The events were closely contested throughout; Arlington finally nosing the Blairites out by the narrow margin of 10 points. In the special event, the half mile relay, the local team gained a good lead and held it until the anchor man was spiked and fell fifty yards from the finish.

In the Wesleyan Invitation Meet Carlson placed in the discus by throwing the platter 104 feet.

At the Medic Relays at Omaha this record was bettered when he heaved it 109 feet 10 inches for first place. The purple and white relay team consisting of Bartlett, Hansen, Porter and VanDeusen captured third place in the medley relay.

The final meet of the season was the one conducted by the East Central Nebraska Athletic Association. Blair place third, being only a few points behind the winner.

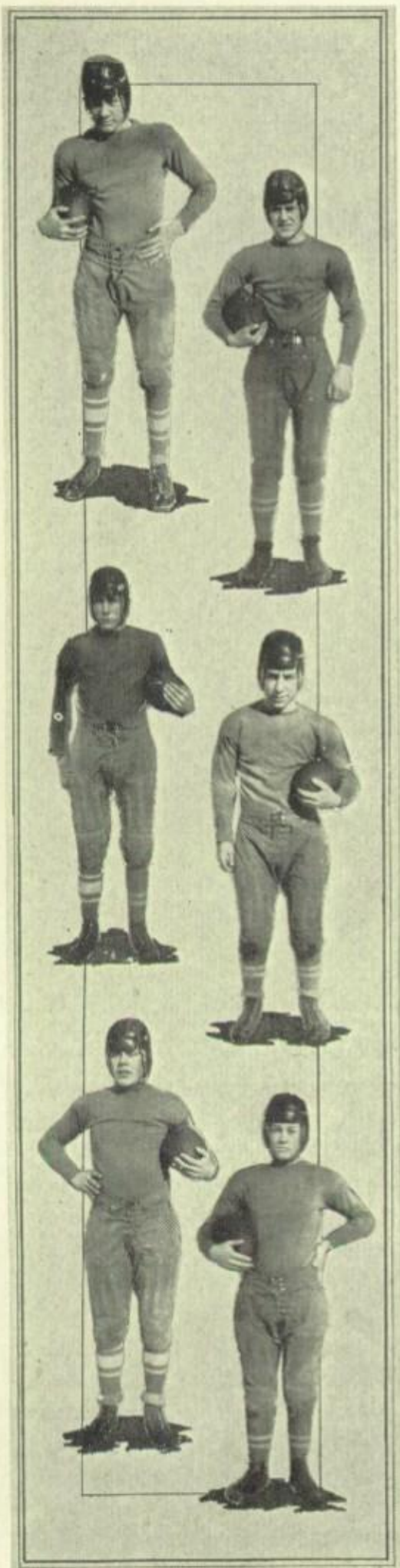


P. L. MOORE (Coach).

Coach Moore performed his duties as a gridiron mentor very efficiently. The team this year did not break any records yet nevertheless they had a reputation as a fighting bunch wherever they played. We are indebted to Mr. Moore for the enthusiastic inspiration and training which he gave the squad.

EARL HILLMAN, "Swede," (Captain).

Small, but mighty, is a good way to describe "Swede." This was his second year as captain and it is doubtful if Blair High ever had a more popular player. He played a wonderful game at center and was one of the scrappiest men in the line up.



HAROLD CARLSON, "Swede," (Fullback and Tackle).

Carlson is a strapping big husky who isn't afraid to let his opponents know it. To see him walk on the Pender gang at the final game was more fun than watching Jack Dempsey knock out Louis Firpo.

HEROLD LARSEN, "Swede," (Tackle and Half).

"Swede" is the spectacular blonde, the noticeable object of all the cheers on the side lines on the part of the gentler sex. Man and maid they all fall for him on the field and off.

WILLIAM RODGERS, "Bill," (End).

Bill always gets them when they come around his end. The teams were so afraid of Rogers that they seldom tried to complete a pass around his end. He was a player who never moved right in after them when his opponents tried an end run.

PEARL BREWSTER, "Bruno," (Half-back).

"Bruno," the line smasher, he uses his head more than his feet and it makes a wonderful battering ram. All you see is a bunch of players sprawled in a pile and Bruno walking across the goal line. He is captain of next year's team and should show plenty of stuff.

ELMER RASMUSSEN, "Rass," (Guard).

"Ras" is the boy with the beef. They never go through Rass's side without running onto him and when he grabs them they don't move any farther. He proved mighty tough for they never knocked him out.

ERWIN TILDEN, "Fuzzy," (Quarter).

Tilden is a real tackler and is developing into a good quarter. "Fuzzy" never missed a tackle in his position as safety. He has another year to play and will make a dandy pigskin lugger next fall.



HERMAN SIMONSEN, "Heavy," (Tackle).

"Heavy" never waits for a man to come to him but charges in after him and generally throws him for a loss. The "Dane Ox" has one more season and is going to be the mainstay of next season's line.

LESLIE THOMPSON, "Les," (Guard).

"Les" is a real tackler and a good guard. He is the true gentleman of football. He never unnecessarily "roughs up" his opponents but he proved mighty efficient nevertheless.

MARSHALL WILKINS, "Marsh," (Guard).

A good guard and tackler. He has gained experience that ought to make him a real blockade by next year. He has plenty of brawn and is speedy too.

EARL VAN DEUSEN, "Van," (End).

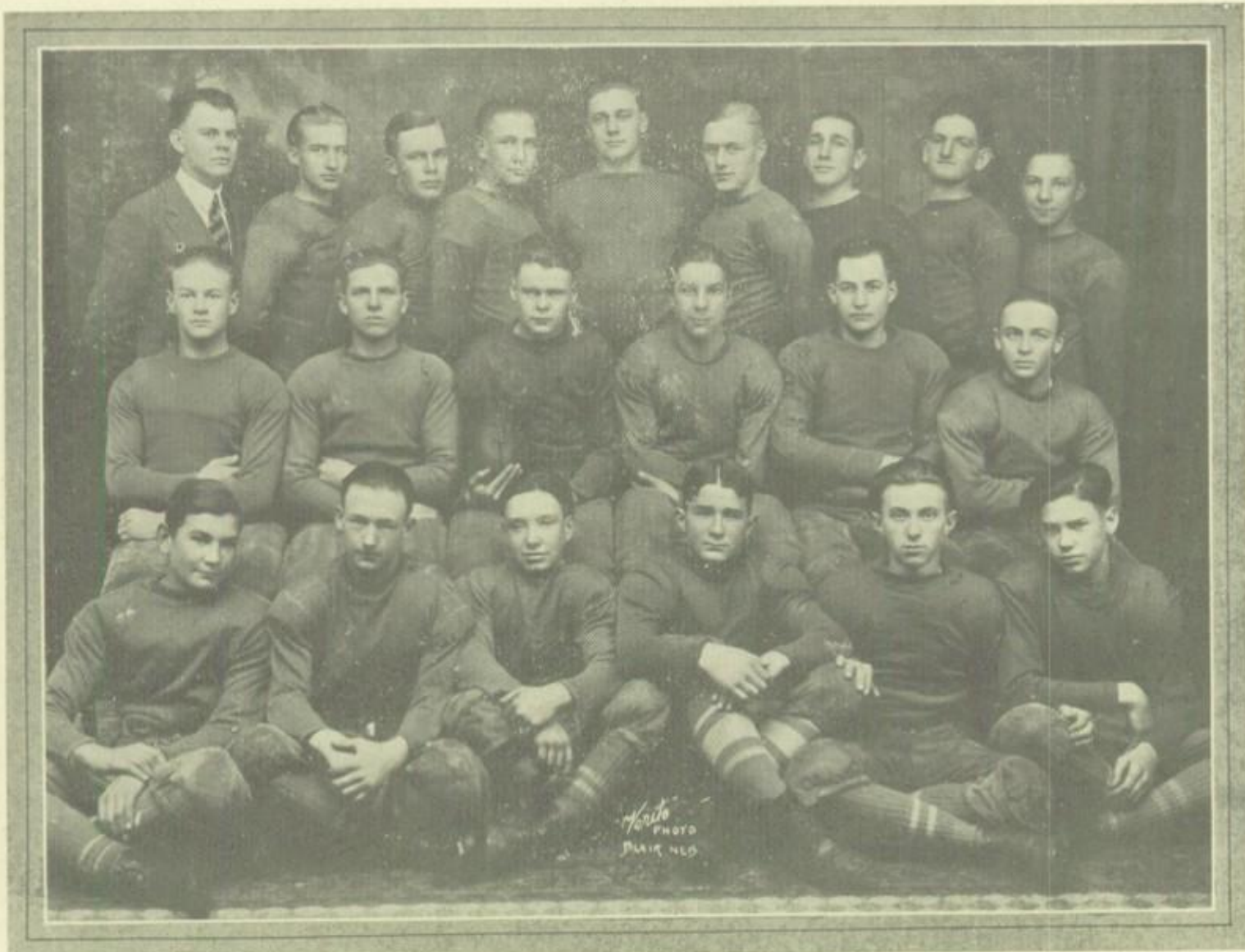
A sure man on the receiving end of a long heave. Moreover he was as good at withholding the opposition as he was at advancing the pig skin through their territory. He was one of the fastest men on the squad.

WILFORD PORTER, "Abie," (Guard and End).

"Abie" was agent for a good many holes which made touchdowns possible. When "Abie" ran interference the opposition side-stepped to keep from getting run over. There was always a hole for Bruno when "Abie" hit the line. That's why they called him "a gentleman of the great open spaces."

ARVID BARTLETT, "Skeeter," (Half).

He is small and agile. The opposing team had a hard time tackling him because there wasn't much to get hold of and the rest could slip through a tackle like Houdini crawls out of handcuffs. "Skeeter" doesn't know what fear is. His motto is, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."



1925 Football Squad



Football Banquet

Review of the Season

Rosalie—September 25

On September twenty-fifth the team journeyed to Rosalie for the first game of the season. Owing to the scarcity of eligible football material in Rosalie, they were, through the courtesy of the Blair gridsters, permitted to use a partial alumni team. As the final whistle blew, the score stood nineteen to zero in favor of Rosalie.

Winnebago—October 2

This, the second game of the season, was also played on a foreign field. Owing to an all-day drizzle it was contested on a soggy gridiron. The teams were apparently about evenly matched and the pigskin never came within ten yards of either goal. The fracas ended with the ball in mid-field neither side having scored. It was in this game that Captain Swede established his reputation as a center.

Decatur—October 9

The Decatur warriors plodded a muddy road to Blair and waged a losing turmoil in a sea of mud. The Blair team taking all their grit pep, and endurance into the fray, swam away from the plunging red skins and left them drowned in the murk. The score was nineteen to nothing.

Tekamah—October 16

Having used up all their resources in the game previous the Blair gang were not fit opponents for the Tekamah bunch. Consequently they were lullabyed to sleep to the tune of "Fight! Fight! Fight!" When the final whistle sounded the Tekamah team had twanged the cross-bar for 39 chords.

Oakland—October 23

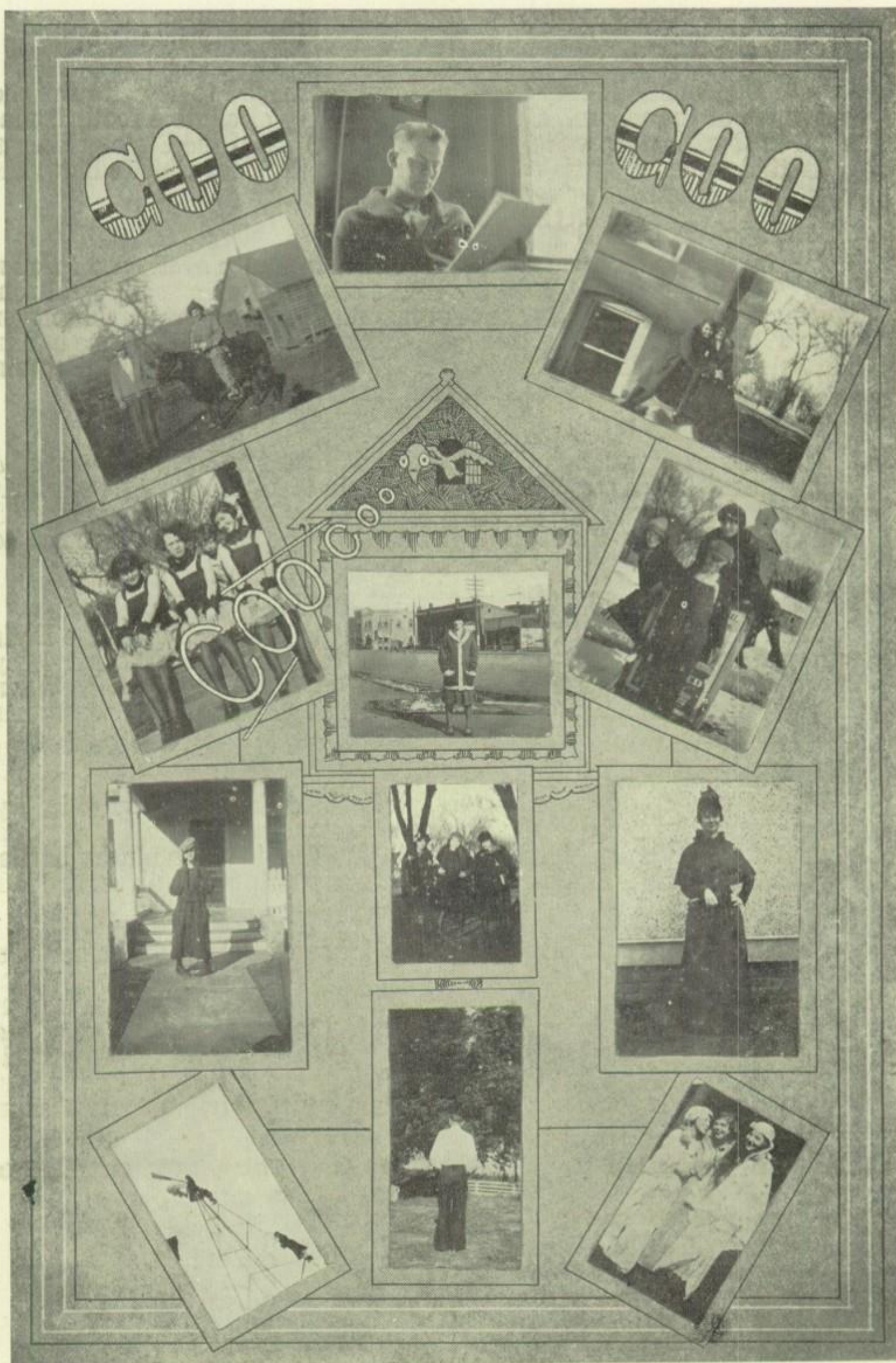
The Blairites, composed partially of subs owing to the large injury list, resulting from the Tekamah game, were unable to hold their own against the Oakland gridsters. Despite that fact it was a plucky battle, and the Swede Huskies had to fight for every point which they tallied.

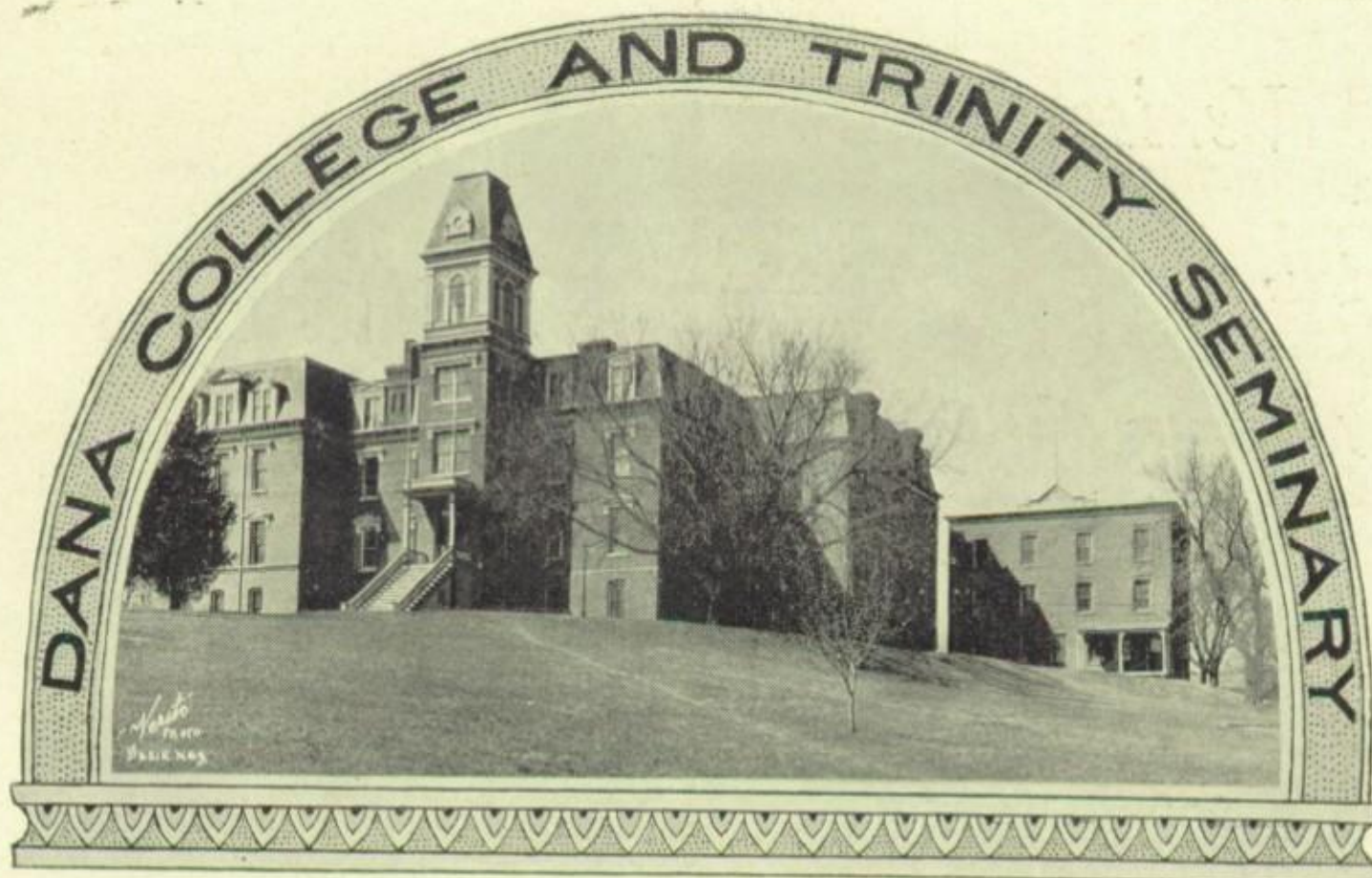
Pender—November 20

The Pender game proved to be a dark horse affair. The home team led the fray up till the last ten seconds by a score of twelve to seven. Then an eleventh-hour streak of luck fell to Pender. A swift pass from a Pender back about to be downed, flew in the general direction of the goal line, and with no Blair player closer than thirty yards, the conditions were ideal for a touchdown. A Pender end sailed across the line with two seconds to spare, and the game ended thirteen to twelve in favor of Pender.

Home Team	Opponents	Played At	Time	Opponents	Blair
Blair	vs. Rosalie	Rosalie	Sept. 25	19	0
Blair	vs. Winnebago	Winnebago	Oct. 2	0	0
Blair	vs. Decatur	Blair	Oct. 9	0	19
Blair	vs. Tekamah	Blair	Oct. 16	39	0
Blair	vs. Oakland	Oakland	Oct. 23	20	0
Blair	vs. West Point	Cancelled	Oct. 30		
Blair	vs. Lyons	Forfeited	Nov. 6	0	1
Blair	vs. Missouri Valley	Cancelled	Nov. 11		
Blair	vs. Pender	Blair	Nov. 20	13	12

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Abie's Diary



Sept. 7th—Today comes the painful task of registration. Many students having forgotten how to write during their vacation, the task is also laborious.

Sept. 14—Football practice starts tonight. Thirty-four recruits have reported for duty, so someone is going to feel disappointed when his suit does not fit, or refuses to stay on.

Sept. 18—A shipment of football pants have come in today but they are all only size 48. The biggest man on the team wears a 34 and the rest from 30 to 21.



Sept. 21—The pupils are just now getting used to the new teachers. Consequently, the eighth hour list is growing rapidly and Supt. Masser's board is being polished.

Sept. 25—The Blair football squad went up to Rosalie today to watch them in action. We saw the action, us being the team they played. We were the victims of a surprise party, the surprise being that they stole three touchdowns for a score of 19-0.

Oct. 2—The football team participated in a little friendly rivalry with the Winnebago warriors. The score was 0-0, Blair annexing the first zero.



Oct. 9—Decatur came to Blair and we beat them 19-0. At the rate the Blair team is going, we will surely beat Tekamah.

Oct. 12—Herman Simonsen received his best grade in an English test today. The reason was that he went to sleep and forgot to write it.

Oct. 16—Tekamah got 39 of the 39 points in the game today. They went home with the joyful news of their victory; as Caesar put it "We came, we saw, we conquered." or as it is said in Teutonic, "Two bits, four bits, six bits."



Oct. 23—News is scarce. Nothing is going on but football games. The team visited Oakland today and incidentally and accidentally condescended to play an exhibition game. Of course, they had to give Oakland the game because we used their football.

Oct. 30—Coach Moore cancelled the game with West Point today and could hardly keep the team from walking up there anyway, because they heard the West Point team had nearly killed three players the week before, and thought they might get some competition.



Nov. 6—The Lyons game was very closely contested and the superior Blair team finally overwhelmed them with the crushing score of 1-0, because Lyons forfeited.

Nov. 18—Bishop Shayler, of Omaha, and ruler of this disease, or decease, or demise, or whatever he called it, spoke to the student body today. He apparently enjoys life to the fullest, judging from his rotund, if not appearance in the region of the solar plexus and his rubicund if not too florid face. In other words he is a jolly old Santa Claus without alfalfa on his face.

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Abie's Diary



Feb. 23—The first fatality of the year occurred today when Master Kenneth Carmichael was seriously lacerated, when he offered to sacrifice himself as a martyr to science by allowing his finger to be gashed to obtain a drop of blood for microscopic examination. The operation was performed, post haste, but the instrument went too deep and two drops of blood were forthcoming, instead of one. It is alleged by witnesses that Mr. Carmichael swooned from loss of blood and measured his full length with a dull thud upon the floor. He was in a state of total coma for two and one half minutes. The patient is now resting easily in spite of the seriousness of the case, and if there is no relapse, he will soon be on his dogs again.



Feb. 22—Physical examinations start today. The mental suspense is awful and has caused several physical wrecks already.

Feb. 23—Blair loses a debate.

Feb. 26—Thirteen Club Carnival. Anyone thinking anyone did not have a good time just ask Junior Stricklett.

Mar. 1—Edythe Jensen says Herold Larsen dreamed a dream that made him blush. Her source of information was not given, neither was the dream. However it will soon be discovered by mental telepathy. Watch for it.



Such
Finals!

Mar. 2—Blair wins a debate.

Mar. 3—Special music was heard by most of the assembly today. A clarinet solo, piano solo and encore, also low.

Mar. 3—Herold got the five berries. Now he can pay for the candy.

Mar. 4—Finals. Ouch!

Mar. 4—Dorothy Powell was nearly eliminated from the debate team because she could show proof of Danish lineage. However, she is a Swede, and a Swede is a Dane with his brain knocked out, so she was gracelessly annihilated into the delirious Danes or in other words, the Dolorous Debaters.



Mar. 4—Mr. Olsen took pictures of the different departments today. He says the new lens will be in next week and then he can finish up.

Mar. 8—Blair wins a debate.

Mar. 8—Track season started today. Some people cannot understand why certain ones came out (came is a newly coined word), but a track suit might make a nice bathing suit this summer.



Mar. 12—Honor Society party. The pickles were good but certain ones did not eat any sandwiches because we saw the manufacturers drop the meat on the floor.

Mar. 12—Being rudely awakened by the hoots, derisive chatter, sursurrent whisperings and snores of my contemporaries, abiding blissfully in penal servitude in eighth hour. I glance out of the casement and notice, among the track candidates, one pair of abbreviated pants, or trousers, of questionable origin, said pants being loosely wrapped around Wayne Stricklett. The day is very cold and bleak, with a raw, biting wind. But of course, what does a cold in a head, otherwise devoid of contents, matter, when one can display their physique?

Abie's Diary

- Nov. 20—Our last game. We acknowledge the defeat of 12-13 and several of the Pender players admitted they felt quite demure after the fracas ended.
- Dec. 22—This month is a blank because everyone is thinking too much about Christmas vacation.
- Jan. 4—Vacation is over and Fred Abbott says he knows there's a Santy Claus because he heard him swear when he fell over a chair.
- Jan. 11—The Blair negative team held their first annual tongue-battle today and, would you believe it, they won. The question was "Members of the President's Cabinet Should be Provided with Cushions for the House of Congress."
- Jan. 14—The Honor Society was organized today, all 90% students being eligible. Of course, the only thing the society lacks is members.
- Jan. 18—Announcement today of \$5.00 prize in gold for best literary production. Herold Larsen must have figured pretty strong on this because tonight he bought a \$5.00 box of candy, charged it, and sent it to Betty somebody.
- Jan. 20—A quadruplet, composed of one soph, two juniors and one dutchman, escaped from the morgue today and gave some very soul and nerve racking renditions of Chopin's funeral waltz in different arrangements.
- Feb. 5—The debate tonight between Blair affirmative vs. Central was very hot, the day being rather tepid, and was very closely contested. Blair skunked by the narrow margin of one vote, there being only one judge.
- Feb. 6—Blair lost the debate with the Central negative team so the Central affirmative showed their reciprocity by allowing Blair to grab the honors tonight.
- Feb. 8—Fire drill today, Mr. Moore being the only one to remain in the building. Not being as adept at the fiddle as Nero, he played a little ditty on the gong.
- Feb. 12—The Glee Club play, "The Pennant" was given today. Therefore Feb. 12 is now a legal holiday. Incidentally, Lincoln's birthday will also be celebrated on this date.
- Feb. 18—An adjourned meeting of the Honor Society was held the two-bit period, but as the meetings are secret, nothing can be published concerning it.
- Feb. 18—First half of city declamatory contest was held today with nothing eventful happening.
- Feb. 19—The second half was held tonight. Madalione Schsmitze while describing a flitting butterfly lost her balance and fell in a swoon in the proximity of the floor. It's a good thing the floors are soft pine.
- Feb. 22—Mary Goldenstein, a visitor, stalked to front of the assembly today and said she wished to talk with us. However she talked to us instead of with us. "Us" not having a chance to speak.



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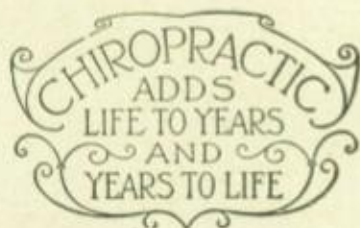
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- Mar. 12—A series of unearthly pops and slashings were heard today issuing from we knew not where. However, it is stated that the miscreant was a freshman and will no doubt survive.
- Mar. 15—The secret is out. Herold Larsen dreamed he married Fern McClintock. On second thought, this does not seem so incongruous because he sits right behind her and ever since school started at the University of Nebraska he has shown partiality to the long slender ones. Swede vows revenge so Edythe had better be good.
- Mar. 18—The towns leading paper imparts in simple terms the fact that Billy Van Cleve, of Tekamah, visited Blair Wednesday night. When did Edythe start spelling her name B-l-a-i-r?
- Mar. 19—The county declamatory contest was held in Blair tonight. Blair carried off all first honors, of course. Winsom Handsend won first with his deeply dramatic and heart rending account of "A Suit Case and the Grip." Gerald Larsen won first in the humerical with his uproaring babble of wit entitled "Regulus on the Roman Senator." And last, but not lost, was the first place awarded to Francez Coopman for her oratorical rendition of "The Bantom Hydroplane." Besides being awarded medallions for their tiring expostulations and gesticulations, they also received the silver plated drinking cup again. This makes twice that Blair has won it in rapid succession. This is a new style cup with two handles thus making it reversible. besides allowing a firm grip and precluding all possibility of a one armed man drinking from it. Another added feature is the copper lining, thus eliminating the danger of its being eaten up by the stuff put in cups of this sort nowadays.
- Mar. 25—"Pewee" pet brain of Mr. Karl Beekmann died suddenly this afternoon while resting from a vigorous strain, undergone earlier in the day when Karl attempted to add six to three. Although being rather stunted and inactive, "Pewee" had never before shown signs of weakness and its curling up and subsequent demise was a great shock to everyone. The loss is deeply mourned by his many friends and the faculty but Karl passes it off lightly saying "What use is a brain to me, who never uses it?"
- Apr. 5—Winston Hansen has some very attractive boils on his face which refuses to go away. Several girls have also acquired the same affliction. However, Winston's aim is apparently poor, because they are not all in very close proximity to the mouth.
- Apr. 9—District declamatory contest. This was a big event and well attended. At the High School Auditorium the sale of tickets mounted rapidly and the box office reported the record breaking attendance of nine paid admissions. Edythe Jensen and Winston Hansen received second places. Herold Larsen received third. This third place, by the way, is the same as a first, because the awards were given in the order of third, second and first. This allows Edythe and Winston to retain their second places.



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- Apr. 10—The Home Music Contest was held today, Saturday, with a large crowd in attendance due to the fact that it was free. The singing contestants show much adeptness in the art of warbling and, with a little practice, they will soon be singing.
- Apr. 13—Herman Simonsen says that from now on, instead of giving eighth hours for bad conduct the penalty will be more strict. The miscreant will be forced to listen to someone sing "Down in the Forest" one of the numbers at the Music Contest.
- Apr. 14—Irene Haack and Kenneth Richter were married today. Kenneth had only seen Irene once, but of course he has never lost sight of her since.
- Apr. 17—County Track meet. Well, we didn't get the big shiny one but we had the little vest pocket one till that low down arch fiend tripped the fourth runner in the relay.
- Apr. 29—The Science Club Caucus was held today but no one seems to recollect exactly what happened.
- May 21-22—The Senior play, "Merton of the Movies" was very successful. It was the best Senior play ever put on. Of course that is what every Senior class says but it won't hurt to claim it again.
- May 24—Neal Steed's voice cracked while he was making a recitation in Botany, but Neal says a crack in the voice is worth two in the head.
- May 28—Dismissal, the thrill that comes once a year. Come too, school is actually out.
- May 28—Commencement. The important thing is, what will some of us commence?



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